



2017 NACNS Affiliate of the Year Award

The thirteenth annual NACNS award to recognize the Affiliate of the Year will be presented during the 2017 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a state or regional or virtual clinical nurse specialist (CNS) organization that is affiliated with NACNS for outstanding efforts in support of NACNS's mission and strategic goals at the local level. The mission of NACNS is to advance the unique expertise and value the CNS contributes to health care. The strategic goals are to:

- Promote the full scope of practice of the CNS;
- Serve as the national leader for CNS education;
- Promote the benefit the CNS brings to evidenced-based quality, patient safety, and cost of healthcare delivery; and
- Promote CNS research in order to further define the value of CNS interventions.

DEADLINE: October 21, 2016

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Documentation in support of the Affiliate Award application must be complete and submitted by the posted deadline.
2. The candidate Affiliate must have a current formal affiliation relationship with NACNS for at least 3 years.
3. The candidate Affiliate has NOT received the Affiliate of the Year award in the past 4 years.
4. The candidate Affiliate's membership must serve primarily CNSs (including CNS students, CNS educators, CNS practitioners);
 - a. Who are graduates of accredited masters or doctoral programs that prepare CNSs; or
 - b. Are students in accredited masters or doctoral programs that prepare CNSs; and
 - c. Meet (or for students are eligible to meet) state of residence's requirements for CNS recognition by their state board of nursing.
5. If selected, the Affiliate must agree to have a representative(s) attend the NACNS annual conference.
6. The applicant Affiliate will have evidence of on-going activities that support the efforts of CNSs and support the work of NACNS:
 - a. Demonstrate sustained growth of the NACNS member component (% of affiliate's membership who hold NACNS membership) over the past three years.
 - b. Offers continuing education activities to assist CNSs in their efforts to maintain eligibility for recognition and/or licensure as a CNS in their state. For example, has offered an innovative, creative continuing education class, conference or program.
 - c. Develops leadership role of CNSs including advocating CNSs recognition in local, regional, and national professional CNS organizations.
 - d. Advocates for CNS/ CNS role recognition at the local, regional, and/or national level.
 - e. Contributes to the growth and activities of NACNS through individual member's contributions or through affiliate-level activities.
 - f. Communicate the value of CNSs through publications (article, book chapter) or presentations at the local, regional, and national conference that is relevant to practicing CNSs.

Selection: Applications received by the deadline will undergo review by the selection committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The affiliate representative will be notified by a phone call and written letter from the President of NACNS. All affiliate award application information must be received at the NACNS office by {date}. This deadline will be strictly adhered to in the selection process.

Award: The designated Leader of the Affiliate will get 1-year free membership in NACNS. One designated member of the Affiliate will have their conference fee waived 1 time. A plaque acknowledging the Affiliate will be awarded at the annual conference of NACNS and an article about the Affiliate will be featured in the CNS Journal/Newsletter. In addition, the NACNS President or selected representative of the Board may visit the Affiliate during the year after award, if schedules permit.

INSTRUCTIONS: Submit nomination packet electronically to info@nacns.org or mail to NACNS, 100 North 20th Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA, 19103

1. Nomination Packet includes:
 - a. This document with the affiliate information table filled in and affiliate leader signed agreement to have an affiliate representative attend the annual conference if selected as the winner of the award;
 - b. Documentation that addresses the eligibility criteria listed above (items 1-5). This information may be presented in narrative or tabular form, or both, whichever is best for clearly and concisely summarizing information.
 - c. Prepare a document that addresses each of the quality criteria listed in item 6 above.
 - d. Write a statement as to why your group should be awarded the "Affiliate of the Year" and include the number of years your affiliate has been organized. (Limit 350 words). This statement will be used when presenting the award at the Annual Conference and will be used in press releases about the award winner.
2. Selection is made based only on the information submitted.
3. The submitted documents will not be returned.
4. The designated representative of the winning Affiliate will be notified by December 2, 2016 and is expected to notify the Affiliate leadership of the results.

Name of Affiliate:	
Primary Contact for application packet:	President/Chair/Leader:
e-mail:	e-mail:
Telephone (day):	Telephone (day):
Telephone (evening):	Telephone (evening):
Affiliate Address (street, city, state, zip):	Affiliate website:

For further information, contact NACNS, 100 North 20th Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA, 19103; Telephone: (215) 320-3881, FAX: (215) 564-2175 or website: www.nacns.org

For Affiliate Leader or Officer Designee: If our affiliate is selected as the award winner, I agree to have a representative for our affiliate attend the Annual NACNS Conference to receive the award.

Signature

Date