

JOANNE RUIZ ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIV NURSING PRACTICE

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION WORKSHEET

Dear Nominator: This Nomination Application Worksheet has been developed to assist you to successfully submit the electronic application for your nominee. As the primary nominator, you are in the very best position to bring your candidate's knowledge, skills, and abilities to life. You may solicit additional narrative support from up to two (2) other persons to assist in developing the Award Application's narrative statements, but you will serve as the candidate's greatest supporter and primary nominator. You will be able to list fellow nominator's information on the electronic application.

Helpful Hints:

- 1) It is strongly suggested that you review the primary categories of required information. Please provide as much detail as you possibly can that will bring the most positive attributes of this candidate to light.
- 2) It is strongly encouraged that you initially complete the narrative of the required elements in a word processing document so that it can easily be electronically "copied" and "pasted" into the free text areas of the ANAC electronic application.
- 3) The electronic application must be completed in one sitting. You are not able to save the application and return to it at another time. Please ensure you have the available time to complete the application in one sitting.
- 4) You will not be required to upload letters of supports, candidates CV's or resume's, or other supporting documentation.
- 5) In an effort to assist all nominator's submit the very best application for their candidates, we have included the Rating Tool that the Awards Committee will use when scoring applications.
- 6) If your candidate is selected by the ANAC Awards Committee to receive this distinguished award, you will be asked to write a brief narrative for the ANAC Awards program booklet.

Joanne Ruiz Achievement Award for Excellence in HIV Nursing Practice

The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) Achievement Award for Excellence in HIV Nursing Practice is named in honor of Joanne Ruiz. Joanne was one of the first nurses in the United States to become infected with HIV disease through occupational exposure. Joanne was well-loved, admired, and respected by her colleagues and friends.

The recipient of this award will meet the following criteria:

- The candidate is a licensed, practicing LPN or RN (Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist or RN Equivalent in International Countries).
- The candidate is an active member of ANAC.
- The candidate is a role model; he/she is innovative, creative, and inspiring; he/she tirelessly promotes excellence in HIV nursing practice.

- The candidate is highly competent, motivated, and strives to significantly improve the quality of care provided to people with HIV disease,
- The candidate is accomplished at providing unwavering, unconditional, and unbridled compassionate support to persons living with HIV disease and their family members and significant others.

1. **Statement by the nominator.** State the reasons supporting your nomination, describe the nominee's special attributes, accomplishments, practice standards and other creative activities that have significantly improved the quality of nursing care received by patients with HIV disease, gained support of peers, improved the working relationships with interdisciplinary teams and/or assisted in the development of novel approaches to solving patient problems. (2000 Character Limit).

The following descriptors are included in the electronic application:

a. Position/role description

Describe the nominee's current professional roles and provide specific examples of creative or innovative activities that have significantly improved the quality of nursing care provided to persons living with HIV/AIDS. (2000 Character Limit).

b. Commitment and contribution to HIV/AIDS Nursing Practice

Describe how the nominee's leadership, knowledge and expertise, clinical competence, practice standards, ability to motivate others, and communication skills have provided direction for peers within the primary organization, established policy and/or motivated/mentored others in HIV care to improve the quality of HIV/AIDS services provided at the local, regional, or national level. (2000 Character Limit).

c. Innovation and Creativity

Describe examples of creative activities or innovative leadership strategies utilized in the nursing practice setting to improve the quality of HIV/AIDS care and service. (2000 Character Limit).

d. Collaboration

Describe the nominee's ability to collaborate with various members of the health care team and to participate on interdisciplinary teams in efforts to improve the quality of HIV/AIDS services provided for persons living with HIV/AIDS, healthcare professionals, and/or students. (2000 Character Limit).

e. Compassionate Caregiving

Describe or offer examples of the nominee's ability and commitment to providing compassionate care to persons living with HIV disease, family members, and significant others. (2000 Character Limit).