# Florida Association of School Nurses

# School Nurse of the Year

SCHOOL NURSE

**Purpose:** To publicly recognize the contribution of Florida School Nurses by honoring one School Nurse who demonstrates excellence in School Nursing and leadership in School Health.

This nomination for School Nurse of the Year is to honor an individual who exemplifies the best in school nursing practice through clinical expertise, research and education, mentoring, advocacy, standards of practice, and/or leadership. Please consider your School Nurse colleagues carefully and nominate a professional School Nurse who incorporates the **Framework of the 21st Century School Nursing Practice (** [www.nasn.org/nasn-resources/professional-topics/framework](http://www.nasn.org/nasn-resources/professional-topics/framework) )

to deliver outstanding student-centered nursing care within the context of the students’ family and school community.

**Sponsor:** NASN affiliated school nurse organizations (FASN)

**Eligibility:**

* Must be a Registered Professional Nurse.
* Be a current FASN member.
* Must have completed 3 years of experience as a School Nurse and be in current practice.
* First time receiving award.
* Bachelor’s Degree or higher

**Timeline**:

* Applications must be submitted electronically and through the mail
* Email applications in Word or PDF format to Karen Bodwell at Angelwish2020@outlook.com by January 18, 2024
* Original, signed paper application must be postmarked by January 18, 2024. Mail to:

Karen Bodwell

4941 Misty Pines Trail

Lake Worth, FL 33463

* Winner of the award will be notified by late January 2024.

**Procedure for Submission of an Application:**

**Application to include:**

* Application cannot exceed 10 pages including the nomination form, CV, narrative and letters of support
* Curriculum Vitae limited to personal education, employment, research, publication, and service related in school nursing (4-page maximum).
* Narrative written and signed by the nominator describing the nominee’s significant contributions that advance school nursing practice
* Three letters of support or recommendations describing the nominee’s specific qualities for the award from Supervisors/Colleagues.

**Scoring**:

* Clinical Practice 40 points
* Program Management 25 points
* Narrative 10 points
* Advocacy 15 points
* Professional Qualities 10 points
* Leadership Role
* Professional Membership
* Community Outreach

**Check List:**

* CV completed
* Narrative written and signed by nominator
* Three letters of recommendation/support
* Application electronically sent by 1/18/24
* Application mailed with postmark no later than 1/18/24

**Narrative to be completed by nominator:**

Being mindful of the defined criteria, describe how this candidate demonstrates excellence in school nursing using the key principles and components (**Standards of** **Practice, Care Coordination, Leadership, Quality Improvement, Public Health**) of the NASN’s Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice.

Describe how the candidate assesses community needs to develop/implement a program to improve outcomes.

Describe the candidate’s leadership and/or scholarly activities (i.e. research, presentations, leadership roles).

Provide details about this candidate’s unique contributions to the profession of school nursing (professionalism, advocacy, mentoring, etc.).

**To the Nominee:**

Use the NASN’s Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice to discuss how you use evidence-based school nursing practice to benefit your school community. Describe how you considered your population and social determinants of health when implementing your program and/or practice. More information may be find here: <https://www.nasn.org/nasn/nasn-resources/profressional-topics/framework>