



School Nurse Emerging Leader Award Application

Purpose:

The purpose of the School Nurse Emerging Leader Award is to emphasize the contribution of Kansas school nurses with one (1) to five (5) years' experience practicing in Kansas. This award recognizes one school nurse each year who demonstrates leadership in their professional role within the school building, the school district, and/or the state of Kansas. Through this award emerging school nurse leaders will be recognized and membership in KSNO will grow.

Eligibility:

- Registered professional nurse who has a minimum of one (1) but not greater than five (5) full school years of experience practicing as a school nurse.
- Evidence is given in a nomination narrative that the nominee has demonstrated leadership in their professional role within the school building, the school district, and/or the state of Kansas.
- Membership in KSNO/NASN is not a requirement to be eligible to receive the School Nurse Emerging Leader award.

Nomination Procedure:

1. State nominee's name, current position (including career history as a school nurse), home address, and home and business phone numbers.
2. State your name, title, home address, and home and business phone numbers.
3. Provide a narrative describing the nominee's leadership. Scoring of nominations will award points for examples from the following areas where applicable to leadership: standards of practice, care coordination, leadership, quality improvement, and community/public health. (Source: NASN's Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice)
4. Include supporting letters is optional to a maximum of six supporting letters.
5. Nominee may be included in the process so they can help provide information on their career history and leadership contributions they have made to school nursing.

Deadline for nominations is March 31, 2026.

Submit application by 1) email to Katy Carter, RN, School Nurse at kcarter@usd266.com

or

- 2) mail to Maize South High School
Katy Carter RN School Nurse
3701 N. Tyler
Wichita, Kansas 67205

- 3) Google Form submission link: <https://forms.gle/FvWMj82pCtKZYJjs6>