**Objective**

To publicly recognize South Carolina school nurses by annually honoring one School Nurse of the Year who has demonstrated excellence in school nursing and leadership in school health.

 **Eligibility: Nominee must be:**

* A licensed professional nurse working in the field of school nursing

**Timeline:**

* Applications must be submitted electronically via email
* Email applications in Word or PDF format to scasnemail@gmail.com, Subject Line: Award Application
* Applications are due by **January 15th** of each year
* Winner of the award will be notified prior to the summer conference date

**Procedure for Submission of an Application:**

**Application to include:**

* Curriculum vitae including personal education, employment history, research and publications, specific to service related to school nursing (3-page limit)
* Narrative written and signed by the nominator describing the nominee’s significant contributions that advance school nursing practice
* Three letters of support or recommendation describing the nominee’s specific qualities for the award from supervisors/colleagues
* Application cannot exceed 10 pages including the nomination form, CV, narrative and letters of support

**Scoring:**

* Clinical Practice 35 points
* Care Coordination 25 points
* Narrative 15 points
* Advocacy 10 points
* Professionalism 15 points
* Leadership/mentoring
* Professional membership
* Community outreach

**Narrative to be completed by nominator:**

Being mindful of the defined criteria, describe how this candidate demonstrates excellence in school nursing using each of 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 implement services to improve student 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.).

Nominator name: Nominator signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist:**

□ CV

□ Completed narrative written and signed by nominator

□ Three letters of recommendation/support

□ Application electronically sent by January 15th