



Information and Nomination Forms Packet

Nomination Forms are due on or before
September 7, 2018

Email forms to: THCAawards@txhca.org

Outstanding Administrator THCA Annual Award Nomination

This is our opportunity to recognize our
Outstanding Administrator!

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to learn how YOU can contribute to the nomination of our Administrator.

To Be Eligible For Consideration, An Administrator Must Be:

- Licensed in Texas for a minimum of two years
- Employed by current employer/facility for a minimum of twelve months
- employed by a THCA member facility at the time of nomination and time of Presentation of award
- Facility has not been cited for substandard Quality of Care or Immediate Jeopardy level on any type of survey in the past year or in 2018 prior to submission of this nomination
- Must be active participant with THCA activities (ex: attend region meetings, coordinate legislative outreach for facility staff and/or family members, legislative visits at local offices and/or in Austin, PAC fundraising, etc.)

Criteria For Selection Are:

- Community oriented, participating in civic activities (Rotary, Chamber, Lions Club, Meals on Wheels, etc.)
- Resident and family oriented with an active family council
- Employee oriented with motivational programs/activities
active participation in THCA activities/efforts (region meetings, legislative contacts, committees/councils, etc.)

All nominees of this award will be recognized at the 2018 THCA Annual Convention & Trade Show in Dallas, Texas, October 29-November 1, 2018.



Outstanding Assisted Living Administrator

THCA Annual Award Nomination

This is our opportunity to recognize our Outstanding Assisted Living Administrator!

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to learn how YOU can contribute to the nomination of our Assisted Living Administrator.

To Be Eligible For Consideration, An Administrator Must Be:

- Administrator of a Licensed Assisted Living facility
- Employed by current employer/facility for a minimum of twelve months
- Employed by a THCA member facility at the time of nomination and time of presentation of award

Criteria For Selection Are:

- Community oriented, participating in civic activities (Rotary, Chamber, Lions Club, Meals on Wheels, etc.)
- Actively involved with residents, family members, and volunteers
- Employee oriented with motivational programs/activities
- Active participation in THCA activities/efforts (region meetings, legislative contacts, committees/councils, etc.)

All nominees will be recognized at the 2018 THCA Annual Convention & Trade Show in Dallas, Texas, October 29-November 1, 2018.



Ombudsman of the Year

THCA Annual Award Nomination

Let's Nominate our Ombudsman!

Our Ombudsman demonstrates a true concern for our residents by working with our facility staff, families and community resources.

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to ensure our Ombudsman is nominated!

To Be Eligible For Consideration, A Nominee Must:

- have been actively involved as an Ombudsman/Volunteer Ombudsman in the nominating THCA Member facility for at least one (1) year
- have letter of recommendation from Administrator of nominating THCA Member facility;
- be affiliated with a THCA member facility at the time the award is presented
- have a recommendation of character, as well as instances showing the nominee as a visible advocate for quality of care in a situation involving a family and/or resident

Award recipient will be recognized at the 2018 THCA Annual Convention & Trade Show in Dallas, Texas, October 29-November 1, 2018.



Public Information & Education (PIE) Awards

These awards are presented to facilities for outstanding efforts in Media Relations and Community Education.

Talk with Administration about events and/or community outreach efforts our facility has done that you'd like to see included in our facility nomination!

MEDIA RELATIONS

To show outstanding efforts in this category, please submit at least one positive article (from August 2017 through July 2018) that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Creativity of coverage – turning a non-event into a story
- Difficulty of coverage – turning a potentially negative event into a positive story
- Consistency – frequency of positive coverage

A statement of 100 words or less must be submitted with the article(s) to explain how the facility has met the above criteria through their work with the local media.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

This category focuses on efforts to educate the local community on long term care issues. This can be accomplished through either an event—town hall meeting, seminar, community forum, etc.—or an ongoing outreach program.

To enter this category, the event or program must have occurred after August, 2017. Please send a statement of 200 words or less describing the goals of the event or program, how the facility met those goals, how the community responded, and how the facility and residents have benefited. Also include any literature from the event or program, i.e. brochures, invitations, agenda, video, etc.



DON of the Year

THCA Annual Award Nomination

This is an opportunity to recognize our DON for their outstanding efforts for our facility, residents and staff.

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to learn how YOU can contribute to the nomination of our D.O.N.

To Be Eligible For Consideration, A DON Must Be:

- Innovative in dealing with resident and staff issues, and in the delivery of nursing care in the long term care setting.
- Have furthered their professional growth in the long term care nursing field.

Criteria For Selection Are:

- The nominee must be a Registered Nurse; with a minimum of two years experience as a DON in a long term care facility (not limited to a geriatric facility) with one year in nominating facility as DON at the time of application..
- The nominee must be currently employed in a THCA member facility at time of application and at time the award is presented.
- The recent DADS inspection/surveys during the past twelve (12) months from the facility where the applicant works shows no tag at G scope/severity level or higher resulting from major problems/quality of care issues in nursing. If you receive a G-Tag and you feel it is not related to nursing, send a copy of the GTag for consideration. NOTE: If the facility is appealing an IJ that has not been finalized the DON is not eligible for nomination. A DON would be eligible if the deficiencies were received prior to her/his hire date and because of her/his direction they were cleared.
- The nominee will attend Nurses' Day activities at the 2018 THCA Annual Convention at the expense of the employing facility.

All Nominees will be recognized at the 2018 THCA Annual Convention & Trade Show in Houston, Texas, October 29-November 1, 2018.



Nurse of the Year

THCA Annual Award Nomination

This is a great opportunity for us to show our Nurses know how awesome they are!

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to learn how YOU can help nominate someone from our wonderful nursing staff!

To Be Eligible For Consideration, Nominee is:

- Innovative in dealing with resident and staff needs, and in the delivery of patient centered care in the long term care setting.
- Have furthered their professional growth in the long term care nursing field.

Criteria For Selection Are:

- The nominee must be a Full-time Licensed Nurse (may also include any nurse management position excluding the D.O.N.) at the time of the nomination; with a minimum of two years experience as a licensed nurse in a long-term care facility (not limited to a geriatric facility) at the time of application.
- The nominee must be currently employed in a THCA member facility at time of application and at time the award is presented.
- The recent DADS inspection/surveys during the past twelve (12) months from the facility where the applicant works shows no tag at G scope/severity level or higher resulting from major problems/quality of care issues in nursing. If you receive a G-Tag or higher and you feel it is not related to nursing, send a copy of the Tag for consideration. If the Tag relates to nursing, provide an explanation
- All regional winners will attend Nurses Day activities at the 2018 THCA convention at the expense of the employing facility. All regional winners will receive a guest ticket for the award luncheon and will be recognized during the Nurses Day activities and luncheon.

Award Recipients will be recognized at the 2018 THCA Annual Convention & Trade Show in Houston, Texas, October 29-November 1, 2018.



CNA of the Year

THCA Annual Award Nomination

**This is the optimal opportunity to recognize our
Dedicated Front-Line Caregivers!**

Talk with facility Administration and/or any Department Supervisor to learn how YOU can help nominate someone who goes above & beyond for our residents!

To Be Eligible For Consideration, A CNA Must Be:

- compassionate, caring, and innovative in dealing with residents, families, and staff, and in the delivery of nursing care in the long term care setting
- Dedicated to continued commitment and professional development.

Criteria For Selection Are:

- The nominee must be a Nurse Aide (with primary job duties as a C.N.A.) with a minimum of two years experience in a long term care facility (not limited to a geriatric facility) and one year in the nominating facility in the position as a Nurse Aide.
- The nominee must be currently employed in a THCA member facility at time of application and at time the award is presented.
- The nominee is not eligible if they have won this award within the last three years.

*Award Recipients will be recognized at the 2017 THCA Annual
Convention & Trade Show in Dallas, Texas, October 20-November 1, 2018.*



Nursing Scholarships

For CMA, LVN, RN, & Advanced Degree

The Nurse Council of the Texas Health Care Association coordinates Nurse Scholarships for individuals:

- Employed in a member long term care facility at the time of application
- Employed in a member long term care facility when the scholarship is awarded
- Who would like to further his or her education to continue working in long term care after a certificate, degree and/or diploma is obtained
- At the time of application, employed in long term care for one year, with six months in current facility
- Who are currently enrolled in or have been accepted into a nursing program – CMA, LVN, RN or Advanced Nursing.

*** Proof of current enrollment or acceptance in a nursing program must be included with the application.**

Applicants will be judged by a panel of nurses from the THCA Nurse Council presently working in long term care. The winners will be awarded a **\$500 scholarship sponsored by THCA and sponsoring members**. All scholarships will be presented at the Nurses' Luncheon November 8th at the THCA Annual Convention in Houston, Texas.

Applications must be received by September 7, 2018, and be accompanied by a statement from the applicant explaining why they chose long term care and why they would like to continue their education in nursing. Applications must also include **letters of reference from the Administrator and a minimum of one from the following list:**

- DON
- Supervisor
- Healthcare Professional

