Purpose of Awards and Recognitions
The purpose of awards is to recognize outstanding nurses whose contributions to nursing fulfill the goals of Sigma Theta Tau.

Criteria

A. General
1. A member of Sigma Theta Tau
2. GPA (when students are involved)
3. Peer/faculty recognition
4. Endorsement and support from nursing and/or community leaders (if appropriate)

Types of Awards and Criteria

Award for Excellence in Research
- Conducts distinguished research in nursing.
- Communicates nursing research findings.
- Writes scholarly works related to nursing theory and/or nursing research.
- Gives evidence of a history of nursing research activities.
- Encourages research activities within Sigma Theta Tau, nursing, and/or the public.

Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice
- Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in area of clinical nursing practice.
- Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care.
- Possesses clinical expertise and attributes of a clinical scholar.
- Advances the scope and practice of nursing.
- Serves as mentor/preceptor that inspires peer’s practice of nursing.
- Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice.
- Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect nursing practice.

Award for Leadership
- Receives local, national and/or international recognition as a nursing leader in education, practice, administration and/or research
- Influences leadership in nursing through visionary and innovative approaches to leadership.
- Creates an environment that enhances the image on nursing/nurses.
- Participants in the development of nursing leaders and leadership

To nominate a nurse for one of the excellence awards, submit a letter of nomination with supporting data to address the award criteria. A copy of the nominee’s CV is suggested, but not required. Additional letters from people inside and outside nursing which describe the nominee’s unique contributions are encouraged. **DEADLINE for SUBMISSION: March 27th, 2011** Send nomination information to Roxanne Amerson, 421 Edwards Hall, Clemson, SC 29634 or via email roxanna@clemson.edu