

## **American Association of Colleges of Nursing Corporate Citizen Award Nomination Criteria**

Purpose: To provide appreciation and national recognition for significant and sustained corporate support for professional nursing education.

Criteria for nomination:

1. Typically, a minimum of three AACN member schools must have benefited from the corporate support.
2. Nominee has demonstrated a minimum commitment of \$10 million. This can be a sustained commitment over time.
3. Corporate mission is consistent with AACN goals and values.

Nomination process:

1. A call for nominations will appear in the September News Watch with the deadline for submission by November 15.
2. Nominations must be made by letter to the AACN Board of Directors. The nomination letter should include:
  - a. Outline of corporate support, including history of financial and in-kind contributions
  - b. Statement on the positive impact this support has had on baccalaureate and/or higher degree nursing education
  - c. Description of corporation, tax status, etc.
3. Nominations will be accepted once a year with the Corporate Citizen Award being given at the Spring Annual Meeting.
4. All nominations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, with final selection residing with the Board at its January meeting.

Award:

1. A representative(s) will be invited to accept the award at the Spring Annual Meeting.
2. The award is given by the President prior to the Sunday evening reception with the recipient being asked to provide brief remarks.
3. The award includes a “symbol” of appreciation and the recipient is announced via AACN publications and on the website.
4. Immediately following the awards ceremony, AACN’s photographer will take a picture of the corporate representative(s), the President, and the individuals who signed the nomination letter.
5. AACN will issue a press release following the meeting, announcing the AACN Corporate Citizen Award winner.