

*Deadline for submission is March 30, 2020*

## **Now is your chance to honor a special nurse!**

In celebration of National Nurses Week, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing along with Nurse leaders from across our community will honor nurse heroes at the 2020 NightinGala.

Please submit nominations for the following awards as follows:

**Bedside Nurse Hero**—recognizes an individual registered nurse who has demonstrated outstanding contribution directly at the point of care and/or bedside nursing.

**Nursing Team Heroes**— recognizes collaboration by two or more people, led by a registered nurse, who identify and meet patient family needs by going above and beyond the traditional role of nursing.

**Advanced Practice Nurse Hero**—recognizes outstanding contributions to nurses of advanced practice, including those in positions of nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse midwives and clinical nurse specialist.

**Executive Leader Nurse Hero**—recognizes outstanding contribution of a registered nurse in the position of leadership such as nursing director, manager, supervisor, clinical educator, case manager, nurse manager or leader.

**All nominations must have a completed nomination form received by no later than March 30, 2020 to [mstubbs@utfi.org](mailto:mstubbs@utfi.org).**

To qualify for nomination, the submission must include the following:

- Completed nomination form with the name and contact information of the nominator and seconder.
- Supporting information on the nomination form that demonstrates how the nominee's ongoing contributions made a difference or what has changed as a result of the nominee's efforts.
- Submissions must include specific examples that demonstrate how each criteria is met and may include details of contributions to special nursing interest groups, other committees, etc. but should be pertinent to the nomination category.
- A Letter of Support (from someone other than the nominators)
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae

## Nightingala Nurse Hero Award 2020 Nomination Form and Criteria

### **Nomination Criteria:**

- Current unrestricted Tennessee RN license or current unrestricted license in another state if employed in a federal facility.
- Actively practicing nursing in Shelby County.

*Instructions: Please read and follow instructions carefully. If instructions are not followed, the nomination will not be considered.*

- All information **MUST be typed** on this form and be contained to the space provided to be considered. Use no less than a ten-point font (10pt).
- Each category/criterion must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Consult with the nominee or others to assure that all demographic and descriptive information is accurately stated.
- The nomination form must not exceed the pages provided. Page 1 requests the nominee's demographic and biographic information and the nominator's and employer's name, address and phone number. Signatures and email addresses for both the nominator and the Senior Level Administrator of the organization **MUST** be provided.
- Answer the introduction questions on Page 3 to be printed in the Gala Program.
- Be succinct yet specifically describe how the nominee meets each of the criteria.
- Use measurable outcomes to describe how the nominee met the criterion. For ease of separation and distribution, please use a paperclip to attach pages and do not staple the pages together.

**Reply by email to [mstubbs@utfi.org](mailto:mstubbs@utfi.org) or mail the original application to ATTN. Nurse Hero Award, UTHSC College of Nursing, 920 Madison Avenue, Suite 1000, Memphis, TN 38163.**

All nominations must be postmarked by Monday, March 30, 2020 to be considered. The nomination form is available to download in PDF format on the UTHSC College of Nursing website <https://uthsc.edu/nightingala>. Tips for completing the nomination form are also available on the website.

Self-nominations are not accepted. Members of the Nightingala Nurse Hero Award Steering Committee, Nominations, and Selection committee and Reviewers are ineligible for nomination.

## NightinGala Nurse Hero Award 2020 Nomination Form

*The above guidelines will be strictly adhered to in order to assure fairness to all.*

All information must be typed on this form. Enter nominee's name and credentials as it should appear in the NightinGala Program.

Nominee's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's home address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

RN License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary practice area of the nominee:

a) Bedside Nurse (Staff Nurse)

b) Nursing Team

c) Advanced Practice Nurse

d) Nurse Executive Leader

Nominee's area of certification, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Experience as a Registered Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Other) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Level Administrator's Name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Level Administrator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Bed Side Nurse Hero Nomination**

*This award recognizes an individual registered nurse who has demonstrated outstanding contribution directly at the point of care and/or bedside nursing.*

CRITERIA:

- The nominee spends 60% or more of their time providing direct patient care.
- The nominee promotes a positive image of nursing by acting as a role model for others.
- The nominee provides care that is compassionate and respectful to patients and co-workers.
- The nominee demonstrates accountability for own professional development.
- The nominee acquires new learning and incorporates this into practice.
- The nominee exhibits a positive professional attitude.
- The nominee demonstrates innovative and progressive ideas in nursing practice and
- The nominee demonstrates collaboration with others seeking best care of patients.

1. Describe how this nominee demonstrates a level of performance excellence meeting the above criteria.

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2. Provide an example of how this nominee has incorporated new learning techniques for best nursing practice.

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## Nursing Team Heroes Nomination

*This award recognizes collaboration by two or more people, led by a registered nurse, who identify and meet patient family needs by going above and beyond the traditional role of nursing.*

CRITERIA:

- Teams must be led by a registered nurse in direct patient care
- Teams must comprise 2 or more individuals
- Team members are role models of collaboration and teamwork that make a difference in the lives of patient, families, employees, the community
- Team members create a culture of trust, respect and engagement through core values of accountability, stewardship, professionalism, integrity, respect, and excellence

1. Describe how this team demonstrates a level of performance excellence meeting the above criteria.

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2. List all of the names of the team members being nominated and offer an example(s) for how each is a role model for nursing collaboration.

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## Advanced Practice Nurse Hero Nomination

*This award recognizes outstanding contribution to nurses of advanced practice, including those in positions of nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse midwives and clinical nurse manager or leader.*

CRITERIA:

- The nominee demonstrates an expert level of competency in the delivery of care.
- The nominee demonstrates strong leadership and interpersonal skills with colleagues, those receiving care, and other members of the healthcare team.
- The nominee acquires new learning and incorporates this in the practice environment.
- The nominee promotes the image of nursing by acting as a positive role model.
- The nominee demonstrates a commitment to evidence based best practice.
- The nominee demonstrates innovative and progressive ideas in nursing practice

1. Describe how this nominee demonstrates a level of performance excellence meeting the above criteria.

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2. Provide an example of how this nominee has incorporated new learning techniques for best nursing practice.

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## **Executive Leader Nurse Hero Nomination**

*This award recognizes outstanding contribution of a registered nurse in the position of leadership such as nursing director, manager, supervisor, clinical educator, case manager, nurse manager or leaders.*

CRITERIA:

- The nominee empowers registered nurses to actively participate in assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating nursing care.
- The nominee promotes a culture where registered nurses are positive, challenged and involved.
- The nominee advocates for registered nurses and nursing in the healthcare setting.
- The nominee demonstrates commitment to the development and implementation of organizational goals, priorities and strategies.
- The nominee is a positive role model for all nurses and demonstrates a commitment to evidence based best practice for all patients.

1. Describe how this nominee demonstrates a level of performance excellence meeting the above criteria.

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2. Provide an example of how this nominee has been a leader and advocate for best nursing practice.

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3. Describe how this nominee empowers her team to actively pursue best patient outcomes.

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4. Provide an example showing how this nominee has had an impact on the efficiency of improving patient outcomes within his/her practice.

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