



# HFSA

HEART FAILURE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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## Heart Failure Society of America 2018 Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award

To recognize and support clinical nursing excellence by a registered nurse who works directly with heart failure (HF) patients, their families, and other nurses providing HF services.

**Deadline for Submission: Thursday May 31, 2018**  
**Notification to Award Winner: Friday, June 29, 2018**

### **Award:**

Individuals selected to receive an award will receive \$1,000 and complimentary registration to the 2018 HFSA Annual Scientific Meeting. The award will be presented at the 2018 HFSA Annual Scientific Meeting.

### **Eligibility:**

Candidates must be:

- A registered nurse who works directly with HF patients and their families
- Must be an HFSA member continuously since January 2016.

HFSA Nursing Committee members and past winners are not eligible; however previous applicants can reapply (new application is required). Individuals cannot apply for Clinical Excellence in Nursing, and the Nursing Research Award in the same year.

Nomination Process: Candidates can either self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

#### **1. Excellence in clinical practice**

##### **a. Demonstrates excellence in patient care delivery (direct care)**

*Examples:*

- Demonstrates advanced assessment skills
- Uses appropriate problem-solving and evidence-based decision-making to improve heart failure status and quality of life
- Uses interventions that improve patient outcomes or quality of care
- Focuses on consistently maintaining quality of care
- Recognized as a clinical expert in heart failure care among peers and colleagues

##### **b. Adheres to heart failure guidelines and evidence-based practices**

##### **c. Communicates effectively with patients and families**

*Examples:*

- Promotes patient and family education at appropriate learning level
- Provides culturally competent care
- Incorporates patient & family input into plan of care

##### **d. Collaborates with other disciplines or specialties to improve patient outcomes**

*Examples:*

- Refers patient for specialized care as appropriate
- Promotes continuity of care among providers

##### **e. Serves as patient/family advocate**

## 2. Heart failure program development

*Examples:*

- Develops innovative programs to improve patient care
- Monitors quality of heart failure program/interventions continuously and revises systems as needed to assure successful outcomes
- Collaborates with other disciplines in heart failure program process of care

## 3. Mentors students, peers, other professionals in comprehensive management of heart failure patients

### Submission Requirements

#### Self-Nominees:

1. Cover letter including contact information of nominee (name, address, fax, phone, e-mail).
2. A detailed summary of accomplishments should address each of the evaluation criteria. Summary to be single spaced, 1-inch margins, and not to exceed two pages.
3. CV or resumé
4. Two letters of support from colleagues (maximum length 2 pages)

#### Nominated by a colleague:

1. Cover letter from nominator including contact information of nominee (name, address, fax, phone, E-mail).
2. A detailed summary of accomplishments should address each of the evaluation criteria. Summary to be single spaced, 1-inch margins, and not to exceed two pages.
3. Second letter of support from another individual (maximum length 2 pages)
4. Nominee CV or resumé

Submit completed information electronically to Sharon Atterbury at [satterbury@hfsa.org](mailto:satterbury@hfsa.org) by May 31, 2018

**NOTE:** Please make sure all submission requirements are included in the packet submitted. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

**Receipt date:** Thursday, May 31, 2018

**NOTE:** Those not selected will have their applications remain active for two years. During that time, if the submitter feels updated information would strengthen the application; additional information can be submitted for the application on file.

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