Heart Failure Society of America
2019 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: Friday, May 3, 2019
Notification to Award Winner: Early 2019

Award:
Individuals selected to receive an award will receive $1,000 and complimentary registration to the 2019 HFSA Annual Scientific Meeting. The award will be presented at the 2019 HFSA Annual Scientific Meeting.

Eligibility:
Candidates must be:

- A registered nurse.
- 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
   - Collaborates with other disciplines or specialties to improve patient outcomes
Examples:

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

Submit completed information electronically to Talita Mrkich at tmrkich@hfsa.org by May 3, 2019

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

Receipt date: Early June 2019

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.