



Innovation in Nursing Award Criteria Sponsored by Alimera Sciences

Purpose

This award, sponsored by Alimera Sciences, is presented to recognize a member who has successfully and creatively managed a personal or professional challenge.

Award

Two (2) winners will be awarded **Annual Meeting registration fees valued at approximately \$450** and a certificate. Award recipients will be notified in advance and announced at the Annual Meeting. A representative for Alimera Sciences, Inc. will announce the winners during the meeting.

The recipient's winning entry may be published in ASORN's journal, *Insight*, and/or by Alimera Sciences.

Acceptable Entries

All entries must be original and may include, but are not limited to:

- Publishable articles
- Research or case studies
- Projects
- Community services
- Educational material or tools
- Program development

All entries should focus on innovation in handling or overcoming a personal or professional challenge.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be ASORN Members or Affiliate Members.
- Applicants must develop a project, case study, tool, or article that will be beneficial to others facing personal or professional challenges.
- Each submitted entry must be an original work.
- Each submitted entry must be submitted as a final, written manuscript that meets the criteria for publishing.
- Manuscripts must be 500 words or greater (typed and double-spaced). References must be cited if applicable.
- All authors or project members must be identified and must give their permission for copyright ownership of manuscripts to ASORN and Alimera Sciences, Inc., in the event the work is published.
- Photographs are accepted. Consent or written permission of individuals photographed must accompany the final manuscript.

- Applicants may not be employees of Alimera Sciences, Inc. ASORN Board Members are not eligible.
- Submission of a disclosure form is required as part of the application.

Application Procedure

- Send a completed application form, Letter of Transmittal form, and a disclosure form
- Submit one hard copy and one copy on disk or cd-rom (with author's name on the title page only). Applicant should include the following information:
 1. purpose for undertaking
 2. goals
 3. learning objectives
- Required forms and complete details are located on the ASORN website at: www.asorn.org. Select "Scholarships, Awards, and Grants".

Selection Process

The Awards Committee will judge masked entries on the following points:

- clarity of purpose, goals and learning objectives
- applicability
- value to others
- accuracy and organization
- originality and creativity
- timeliness

Deadline for Application

All applications must be **received** by ASORN on or before **June 1st** of the current year.