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To,

The Secretaries (H&FW)
States & UT’s of India

Sub: Inviting Nominations for National Florence Nightingale Nurses Award For the
year, 2018 – reg.

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, National Florence Nightingale Nurses Award are given as a mark
of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by the nurses and nursing professionals
in the country. This award is presented on 12th of May every year by Hon’ble President
of India as 12th May is celebrated all over the world as “International Nurses Day” on the
occasion of birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. The next award ceremony will be
held on 12th May 2018.

In the above connection it is brought to your notice that the work relating to
organizing the National Florence Nightingale awards 2018 has now been transferred
by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Nursing Section) to Indian Nursing Council
and as such all correspondence in this regard is to be addressed now to Indian Nursing
Council. Further, the nomination for the Award will be scrutinized by a Committee
headed by Hon’ble Justice Shri Gopala Gowda, former Justice of Supreme Court of
India.

The award is given to outstanding Nursing personnel employed in Central,
State/UTs, Private, Missionary and Voluntary Organizations. The award consists of Cash
Award of Rs. 50,000/- a certificate and a Medal. Apart from the Nursing Personnel working
in the State, Central, Autonomous institutions, the Nursing Personnel working in Private,
Missionary and Voluntary Organisations are also eligible for the National Florence
Nightingale Nurses Award and their application may also be forwarded after considering it
in State Level Selection Committee in accordance with the laid down procedure, subject to
their fulfilling the requirements.

Selection criteria, applications form, instructions for preparing the resume of the
nominee, composition of the State Level Selection Committee and procedure for selection
of nominees for the award are attached at Annexure- I to IV. The lists of names are to be
finalized by the State Level Selection Committee headed by Secretary, Health and Family
Welfare as indicated in Annexure- IV.
You are requested to recommend at least three panel of names for each category, i.e. Nurses, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives and Lady Health Visitors from Your State.

On completion of the selection process outlined above, the names of the nominees along with their resume and documentary proofs in support of claim for the award may be forwarded to the President, INC, 8th floor, NBCC Centre, Community Centre, Okhla Ph-1 New Delhi -110020 latest by 31st March, 2018 (Tel. No.011-26819152).

I would request you to keep the following important aspects in view, while forwarding the nominations.

1. Wide publicity may be given in the State to all the concerned Stakeholders by issuing necessary circulars and up-loading the enclosed documents on the official website of the State Government.

2. It may please be ensured that applications for the nominations are received from Private and Missionary institution also apart from government institutions.

3. Representatives of the Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI) at the State Level and other Associations/Unions should be included in the Selection Committee.

4. It should be ensured that the panel of names should include nominations in each of the three categories i.e. Nurses, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives and Lady Health Visitors.

5. It should be ensured that only such candidates are nominated who fulfill the criteria and proven evidence of outstanding work in their field and all the nominations are to be place before the State Selection Committee meeting.

Receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours Faithfully,

(T. Dileep Kumar)
President

Encl. As Above
ANNEXURE – I

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR THE NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE NURSES AWARD

1. The nominations should be called from State Government, Central Government, Private institutions/Missionaries and Prominent Voluntary organizations of the concerned state.

2. All nominations should be handled by the Secretary of Health and Family Welfare of the concerned State.

3. The applications of the recommended Awardees must invariably be sent after making selection by the State Selection Committee headed by Secretary, Health and Family Welfare.

4. (a). No nomination in any case should be sent without considering and recommendation of the State Selection Committee. If the nomination is received without the recommendation that will not be considered by the Central Selection Committee.

   (b) Experience: Minimum 10 years of experience in any one of the avenue, in case of, extraordinary performance age may not be a constraint.

5. The nurse selected for a national meritorious award should furnish documents to the satisfaction of the selection committee that she/he has performed beyond the normal expectation of the job when compared to others with equivalent attributes according to one or more of the following criteria. The instructions for preparing resume of the nominee are at Annexure – III and should be strictly followed:

   NURSING SERVICE, HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY:

6 (i) The nurse in her/his regular job in the hospital or community contributes to improve patient/family community care by exceeding the limitations of the job functions as demonstrated by:

   a. Development or organization of a unit of responsibility which provides extraordinary care to patients by increasing own skills and knowledge, developing staff, procuring supplies and equipment, streamlining techniques and maintaining esprit de corps sufficient to bring recognition to the employing organization in the medical community.

   b. Development of a community or section of a community in the betterment of their collective health status through increasing own skills and knowledge, developing staff, procuring supplies and resources, and maintaining esprit de corps sufficient to bring recognition to the employing organization in the medical community.
6 (ii). The nurse who has a regular job but in times of emergency of crisis such as accident, fire, flood or famine, which may occur at any time, performs in a heroic manner without regard to her/his own time, safety and/or possessions as demonstrated by:

a) Rescuing a person (s) under hazardous conditions.

b) Performing life saving techniques with a successful outcome.

c) Prevention of a catastrophe by initiative taken or leadership assumed without official sanction (firefighting, evacuation, mob control)

d) Remaining at post over an extended period of time which aids in the recovery of a group community following a disaster such as organizing communication, nutrition first aid, evacuation or other activities which become necessary in emergencies.

6 (iii). The nurse who has regular job in the Hospital/Community is:

a. Associated/contributed extra ordinary with activities or programmes such as Leprosy Control, Tuberculosis, HIV Aids, Cancer care, Palliative care, Mental Health, other communicable and non-communicable illness, Psychiatric Mental Health, old age management, Special children (Mental Retardation physically challenged, under privileged) and Contribution in National Health Programme.

b. Working in difficult areas like Tribal and other interior remote area

**NURSING EDUCATION**

7. The nurse in her/his regular job in an educational setting contributes to the quality or quantity of education excess of the job expectations as demonstrated by:

a. Development or initiation of an innovative curriculum programme of study or teaching materials that brings recognition to the organization which pays her/his salary.

b. Preparation of textbook, teaching manual or educational film that is accepted and used beyond her/his educational setting and brings recognition to the organization which pays her/his salary.

c. Contributing in the research activities/ articles/ workshops / conferences/ publications towards the standard of education.
NURSING ADMINISTRATION

8. Nurse in her/his job in an administrative setting in terms of hospitals/ community/ educational institutions/ any other agencies/heading any nursing sector.

Extraordinary:-

(a) Contribution towards standard of patient care in the hospital
OR
(b) Improvement made in the status and welfare of the community.
OR
(c) Performance in excelling the educational standard in the teaching institution.
OR
(d) Innovative changes made in the administrative set up.
### APPLICATION FORM FOR NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE NURSES AWARD 2018

1. **Name (In Block letters)**

2. **Age with date of birth**
   (In Christian Era)

3. **Father's/Husband's Name**

4. **Complete Present Address for communication with Pin Code.**
   - **4.1** Telephone Number (Residence)
   - **4.2** Mobile Number.
   - **4.3** E-mail Address if any

5. **Complete Permanent Address with Pin Code,**
   - **5.1** Telephone Number (Residence).

6. **Name & Complete Address of Hospital/Institution where working**
   - **6.1** Telephone Number (Office)
   - **6.2** E- Mail Address if any

7. **Post held at present**

8. **Whether retired if so, the date of retirement, if applicable**

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9. Post held at the time of retirement, if applicable

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10. Details of experience in nursing services.

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11. Qualifications

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12. Membership with professional organization/s with membership number

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13. Any other information

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14. Resume of the Applicant as per Annexure III.

Signature of the applicant ________________________

Recommended by–Nursing Superintendent/Principal/District Medical Officer/ District Public Health Nursing Officer etc./Institutional Head.

Place & date:

Signature
Seal

Forwarded by Secretary, Health & FW (State/Central Selection Committee for the Awards)

For Self-nomination-Registrar, State Nursing council/Secretariat State TNAI

Place & date:

Signature
Seal

Enclosure: Letter/s of support if applicable
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING A RESUME ON A NOMINEE

1. Mention the category against which the Nurse is nominated.

2. For Category:
   a. The narration should give the time, the place, the circumstances, the deed and the recognition of the event which qualifies the individual for nomination. Newspaper articles, journal articles, letters of appreciation of other documentation which strengthen candidate's application could be sent.
   b. Description as per Criteria.

3. The resume must provide description of the outstanding performance or that performance which is beyond the normal expectations held for every satisfactory employee (Normally one expects every employee to report on time for duty, to report when assigned for duty, to be clean, neat, courteous and loyal to the employer. Normally one expects employees to be prepare for the position they hold and be responsible for their own continuing education through self-study or participation in service or formal through self-study or participation in service or formal continuing education programme. It's expected that the nurse will work as a member of the team to improve nursing care and nursing education).

4. Past education and experience of the individual may be documented but that in itself will not contribute to the selection of the nominee (The Committee is looking for outstanding performance which occurs as the result or in spite of education and experience).

5. Mere listing of distinctions received in educational programme is not to be encouraged as many of the outstanding deeds in history have been performed by persons who were not outstanding academically. Recognition and awards that support outstanding performance or contribution are to be enclosed.

6. The resume should not be more than two pages.
COMPOSITION OF THE STATE/CENTRAL SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE NURSES AWARD - 2018

The application of the candidates for the National Awards of the State/Union Territory level will be called by the Chief Nurse in the Office of Directorate Health Services i.e. Assistant Director Nursing/Deputy Director Nursing. The State/Union Territory Selection Committee who will screen the applications and recommend the candidates to the Central Selection Committee for the National Florence Nightingale Nurses Award. **The State level Selection Committee will comprise of:**

1. Secretary, Health & F.W - Chairman
2. Director of Health Services/ Director of Medical Education - Member
3. Registrar/Representative State Nursing Council - Member
4. President/Secretary T.N.A.I. (State Branch) - Member
5. Chief Nurse in the Office of D.H.S. (ADHS Nursing / Deputy Director Nursing) - Member Secretary

**CENTRAL SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Central Selection Committee under Indian Nursing Council which will examine the applications the candidates recommended by the State Government/Union territories will comprise of:

1. Hon’ble Justice Shri V Gopala Gowda Former Supreme Court Judge - Chairman
2. The President, Indian Nursing Council - Member
3. DDG (Medical) Dte. G. H S Ministry of Health & Family Welfare - Member
4. Director, Nursing (MOHFW) - Member
5. Secretary General, AIGNF, New Delhi - Member
6. Principal, RAK, New Delhi - Member