

Guidelines for Crafting a Compelling DAISY Award Nomination: Recognizing Excellence in Nursing Leadership

To write a compelling award nomination for The DAISY Award, follow these steps:

Step 1: Understand the Criteria

Before you start writing, thoroughly review the criteria for The DAISY Award on the provided webpage:

<https://info.cc-institute.org/daisyfoundation>

Understand what qualities and actions the award aims to recognize.

Step 2: Identify Your Nominee

Identify the nurse or nurses you want to nominate. Consider their actions, interactions, and impact on patients, families, and colleagues. Choose someone whose dedication and excellence align with the criteria for The DAISY Award.

Step 3: Gather Information and Context

Collect specific examples, stories, and anecdotes that illustrate the nominee's outstanding contributions. Include details about leadership interactions, instances of compassionate care, teamwork, and any other relevant achievements as well as the context in which you have observed their leadership. You will need the following information about the nominee:

- City and State where the nominee works
- Name of the CCI department, committee or group with which the nurse leader nominee performs a majority of work or volunteerism

Step 4: Start Writing

A successful application will be thoughtful and provide enough information for a committee of reviewers to judge whether the nominee has met the criteria. Begin by writing your nomination application in a separate document from the online application so that you can check grammar and spelling and copy-edit the text for maximum readability. Prepare answers to the following questions:

- Share a specific situation or story that clearly demonstrates how this nurse leader nominee impacted the delivery of perioperative nursing practice through work and/or volunteerism with CCI (minimum of 150 words). Make a list of the leadership qualities and attributes you want to highlight. These may include communication skills, decision-making abilities, empathy, integrity, vision, adaptability, and the ability to inspire and motivate others.
- Describe how this nominee promotes continuous professional development and certification excellence. (minimum of 50 words). Provide concrete examples and anecdotes that illustrate the individual's leadership skills in action. Look for instances where they demonstrated effective leadership, resolved conflicts, led a team to achieve goals, or implemented innovative solutions.
- Describe how this nominee acts as a role model for attributes of trust, mutual respect, and ethical behavior. (minimum of 50 words). Describe the lasting impact of the nominee's actions on colleagues, patients, families, and the healthcare team. Share any testimonials or feedback from patients or colleagues that attest to the nurse's exceptional qualities. If appropriate, discuss the individual's leadership philosophy and approach. Share insights into their values, beliefs, and guiding principles that inform their leadership style and decision-making.

- Share a specific situation where this nominee personifies compassionate nursing care, empathy, and caring in action. (minimum of 50 words).
- Describe how this nominee encourages critical thinking and problem-solving for individuals and teams to promote CCI's vision. **CCI's vision: to grow a community of certificant and lifelong learners for whom CCI is a catalyst and integral partner** (minimum of 50 words)

Step 5: Review and Edit

Review your nomination for clarity, coherence, and grammar. Make sure it effectively communicates the nominee's strengths and achievements. Edit as needed to polish your writing.

Step 6: Submit Your Nomination

Copy the written text into each section of the survey form on the CCI website.

By following these steps and crafting a thoughtful, well-written nomination, you can effectively advocate for your nominee and increase their chances of receiving The DAISY Award.