

# NATIONAL ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER WEEK

# Awards Program



Recognizing Excellence in Clinical Practice,  
Leadership, Innovation, Education, Research, and Service



National Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Week provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and other advanced practice providers who are transforming healthcare through clinical excellence, innovation, leadership, education, research, and service.



Through a structured nomination and review process, colleagues, physicians, healthcare leaders, and interdisciplinary team members are invited to nominate outstanding APPs and APP teams whose contributions distinguish them as leaders within the profession. Nominations are evaluated based on demonstrated impact, measurable outcomes, leadership, innovation, service, and commitment to advancing healthcare delivery.



The National APP Week Awards Program was established to honor those individuals and teams whose dedication, expertise, and commitment have made a meaningful and lasting impact on patients, families, colleagues, organizations, and communities. These awards recognize APPs who consistently demonstrate excellence in clinical practice, advance the profession through research and innovation, foster the development of future healthcare leaders, champion quality and safety initiatives, and exemplify the highest standards of professionalism and accountability.



The National APP Week Awards serve not only as a celebration of individual and team achievements, but also as a reflection of the vital role APPs play in improving patient outcomes, advancing evidence-based practice, strengthening healthcare teams, and shaping the future of healthcare. By recognizing excellence across all stages of professional development, these awards inspire continued growth, innovation, mentorship, and service throughout the APP community.



**CELEBRATE EXCELLENCE**  
Honoring the outstanding achievements of APPs and APP teams.



**ADVANCE THE PROFESSION**  
Recognizing innovation, leadership, and commitment to exceptional patient care.



**INSPIRE THE FUTURE**  
Encouraging mentorship, collaboration, and growth across the APP community.



**DRIVE IMPACT**  
Highlighting contributions that improve lives and strengthen healthcare.



Thank you to our APPs for your dedication, compassion, and excellence.  
**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY.**



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# AWARD CATEGORIES

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## RISING STAR AWARD

Recognizes an APP with 0–5 years of advanced practice experience who has demonstrated exceptional promise through clinical excellence, innovation, leadership, and professional growth early in their career.



## EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Recognizes an APP with 6–12 years of advanced practice experience who has demonstrated sustained excellence, leadership, and meaningful contributions to patient care, professional advancement, and organizational success.



## APP OF THE YEAR AWARD

Recognizes an APP with 13 or more years of advanced practice experience whose career reflects outstanding achievement, leadership, clinical excellence, innovation, mentorship, and service to the profession.



## APP TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Recognizes an interdisciplinary APP team consisting of a minimum of two APPs that has demonstrated exceptional collaboration, innovation, and impact on patient care, quality outcomes, operational excellence, or organizational goals. Executive endorsement is required.



## APP MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Recognizes an APP with a minimum of 10 years of experience who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to mentoring, developing, and empowering advanced practice providers through education, coaching, professional development, leadership cultivation, and role modeling.



## APP LEGACY BUILDER AWARD

Recognizes an APP with a minimum of 10 years of experience whose enduring contributions to education, mentorship, scholarship, and professional development have created a lasting impact on learners, organizations, and the future of the advanced practice profession.



# CORE EVALUATION DOMAINS



Nominations for the Rising Star, Emerging Leader, APP of the Year, and APP Team of the Year Awards are evaluated across five domains that reflect the comprehensive impact of advanced practice providers:



## QUALITY CARE

Recognizes APPs who consistently deliver exceptional, evidence-based, patient-centered care while advancing quality, safety, and clinical outcomes through leadership, critical thinking, and quality improvement initiatives.



## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Recognizes APPs who advance evidence-based practice through research, scholarship, innovation, program development, publications, presentations, and implementation of new approaches that improve patient outcomes and healthcare delivery.



## EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognizes APPs who exemplify integrity, professionalism, leadership, accountability, resilience, and a commitment to achieving meaningful outcomes while fostering trust, collaboration, and positive change.



## ADVOCACY, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND VOLUNTEERISM

Recognizes APPs who demonstrate a commitment to service beyond direct patient care through advocacy, community engagement, volunteerism, professional leadership, and initiatives that improve access, equity, and community well-being.



## MENTORSHIP AND EDUCATION

Recognizes APPs who invest in the development of others through teaching, precepting, coaching, mentorship, and the creation of learning environments that support professional growth and clinical excellence.



Together, these awards celebrate the breadth and depth of contributions made by advanced practice providers and highlight the individuals and teams whose work continues to elevate patient care, strengthen healthcare organizations, and advance the profession nationwide.



# NOMINATION TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Helping reviewers understand the nominee's impact and achievements



## 1. FOCUS ON IMPACT

When describing the nominee's accomplishments, emphasize measurable outcomes and meaningful contributions.

**Examples may include:**

- Improvements in patient outcomes or quality metrics
- Increased access to care or operational efficiencies
- Development of innovative programs or initiatives
- Advancements in education, mentorship, or leadership



## 2. PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

Strong nominations include concise stories and concrete examples that demonstrate the nominee's contributions.

**Consider describing:**

- A challenge the nominee addressed
- Actions they took to create change
- Measurable results or outcomes achieved
- Feedback or recognition received from patients, colleagues, or leaders



Specific examples help reviewers clearly understand the nominee's impact.



## 3. HIGHLIGHT LASTING INFLUENCE

Describe how the nominee's work extends beyond their individual role and creates sustainable value.

**Examples may include:**

- Mentoring future APP leaders
- Developing programs that continue to benefit patients or teams
- Advancing organizational goals or professional practice standards
- Influencing healthcare delivery through innovation, scholarship, or advocacy



## 4. PERSONALIZE YOUR NOMINATION

While AI-assisted writing tools may be used, the strongest nominations reflect the nominator's firsthand knowledge and perspective.

**Personalized submissions:**

- Include authentic examples and experiences
- Highlight unique strengths and accomplishments
- Reflect the nominee's individual impact and contributions
- Demonstrate why the nominee stands out among peers



## REVIEWER INSIGHT

Nominations that clearly address the evaluation domains and provide evidence of sustained impact, leadership, collaboration, innovation, mentorship, and clinical excellence tend to stand out during the review process.



The strongest nominations combine meaningful outcomes, specific examples, and authentic stories that demonstrate **lasting impact** on patients, teams, organizations, and the APP profession.



# NATIONAL APP AWARDS

## APP RISING STAR



### Award Description

National APP Rising Star award recognizes an APP who has been in advanced practice for 0-5 years and who has made a sustained and positive impact in their short tenure with their organization and the APP profession. In less than 250 words, please describe how this person demonstrates excellence in quality care, research and innovation, excellence and accountability, education and advocacy, and mentorship and precepting.



### Qualifications for Nomination

- Organization is registered for National APP week.
- Current APP at this organization and has not previously received this National APP award.
- Currently benefited employee at this organization and employed for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.
- Met their state licensure and all required certifications up to date.
- Designated as "talented" or "expert" on most recent Performance Evaluation
- Work history reviewed, and documented APP years of service verified.
- No professional conduct or performance concerns and APP is under no disciplinary action.



### Core Evaluation Domains



#### 1. QUALITY CARE

The APP that excels at Quality Care is committed to a level of care that goes above and beyond expectations. This APP is dedicated to improving each patient and their family's quality of life through exceptional, holistic, evidence-based care. This APP uses past experiences to evaluate and develop solutions for clinical practice issues.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrates clinical excellence and quality care through their ability to lead, problem solve and produce the best possible patient outcome; please include quality improvement initiatives. [250 word limit]**



#### 2. RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The APP that excels at Research and Innovation is able to identify opportunities for improving evidenced-based care delivery and clinical outcomes. This APP frequently inquires what can be done to improve outcomes for the patient, and participates in clinical research. This APP strategizes to successfully implement plans to improve the delivery of care on a broad scale and is also a leader for change and improvement in the practices of APPs.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee shows innovation in research and clinical practice; highlight their participation in projects, publication, and educational offerings. [250 word limit]**



#### 3. EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The APP that excels at Excellence and Accountability demonstrates leadership through integrity, flexibility and commitment. This APP has achieved notoriety by setting ambitious professional goals and being persistent in making sure that these goals are met. This APP is seen as excelling in communication and relationship building. This APP member is recognized professionally within their organization and/or nationally for their dedication to excellence.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee embodies the values of the profession through their leadership and clinical service, name instances of how they successfully problem-solved and overcame obstacles to change. [250 word limit]**



#### 4. ADVOCACY, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND VOLUNTEERISM

The APP demonstrates an outstanding commitment to advocacy, community engagement, and service beyond direct patient care. The nominee promotes the physical, psychological, and social well-being of patients, families, and communities through compassionate care, outreach initiatives, volunteer activities, and professional advocacy. This individual actively supports programs, partnerships, or initiatives that improve access to care, address community needs, and advance the healthcare profession. The APP may also contribute to organizational, policy, or legislative efforts that positively influence healthcare delivery and health equity. Through leadership, service, and professional commitment, they create meaningful and lasting impact within both the healthcare environment and the broader community.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrates advocacy, community outreach, volunteerism, and/or professional leadership that positively impacts patients, communities, or the healthcare profession. [250 word limit]**



#### 5. MENTORSHIP AND EDUCATION

The APP demonstrates exceptional dedication to education, mentorship, and the professional development of others. The nominee actively supports the growth of APPs, students, trainees, medical staff, and interdisciplinary colleagues through teaching, coaching, precepting, and role modeling. This individual fosters a positive and supportive learning environment that promotes clinical excellence, professional confidence, collaboration, and career development. Through mentorship and education, they inspire others, strengthen the future healthcare workforce, and contribute to a culture of continuous learning and professional growth.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee serves as an educator, mentor, preceptor, and/or role model, highlighting the ways they support the professional and clinical development of colleagues, trainees, or interdisciplinary team members. [250 word limit]**



# NATIONAL APP AWARDS

## EMERGING LEADER



### Award Description

National APP Emerging Leader award recognizes an APP who has been in advanced practice for 6-12 years and who has made a sustained and positive impact in their organization and on the APP profession. In less than 250 words, please describe how this person demonstrates excellence in quality care, research and innovation, excellence and accountability, education and advocacy, and mentorship and precepting.



### Qualifications for Nomination

- Organization is registered for National APP week.
- Current APP at this organization and has not previously received this National APP award.
- Currently benefited employee at this organization and employed for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.
- Met their state licensure and all required certifications up to date.
- Designated as "talented" or "expert" on most recent Performance Evaluation
- Work history reviewed, and documented APP years of service verified.
- No professional conduct or performance concerns and APP is under no disciplinary action.



### Core Evaluation Domains



#### 1. QUALITY CARE

The APP that excels at Quality Care is committed to a level of care that goes above and beyond expectations. This APP is dedicated to improving each patient and their family's quality of life through exceptional, holistic, evidence-based care. This APP uses past experiences to evaluate and develop solutions for clinical practice issues.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrates clinical excellence and quality care through their ability to lead, problem solve, and produce the best possible patient outcome; please include quality improvement initiatives. [250-word limit]**



#### 2. RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The APP that excels at Research and Innovation is able to identify opportunities for improving evidenced-based care delivery and clinical outcomes. This APP frequently inquires what can be done to improve outcomes for the patient, and participates in clinical research. This APP strategizes to successfully implement plans to improve the delivery of care on a broad scale and is also a leader for change and improvement in the practices of APPs.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee shows innovation in research and clinical practice; highlight their participation in projects, publication, and educational offerings. [250-word limit]**



#### 3. EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The APP that excels at Excellence and Accountability demonstrates leadership through integrity, flexibility and commitment. This APP has achieved notoriety by setting ambitious professional goals and being persistent in making sure that these goals are met. This APP is seen as excelling in communication and relationship building. This APP member is recognized professionally within their organization and/or nationally for their dedication to excellence.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee embodies the values of the profession through their leadership and clinical service, name instances of how they successfully problem-solved and overcame obstacles to change. [250-word limit]**



#### 4. ADVOCACY, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND VOLUNTEERISM

The APP demonstrates an outstanding commitment to advocacy, community engagement, and service beyond direct patient care. The nominee promotes the physical, psychological, and social well-being of patients, families, and communities through compassionate care, outreach initiatives, volunteer activities, and professional advocacy. This individual actively supports programs, partnerships, or initiatives that improve access to care, address community needs, and advance the healthcare profession. The APP may also contribute to organizational, policy, or legislative efforts that positively influence healthcare delivery and health equity. Through leadership, service, and professional commitment, they create meaningful and lasting impact within both the healthcare environment and the broader community.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrates advocacy, community outreach, volunteerism, and/or professional leadership that positively impacts patients, communities, or the healthcare profession. [250-word limit]**



#### 5. MENTORSHIP AND EDUCATION

The APP demonstrates exceptional dedication to education, mentorship, and the professional development of others. The nominee actively supports the growth of APPs, students, trainees, medical staff, and interdisciplinary colleagues through teaching, coaching, precepting, and role modeling. This individual fosters a positive and supportive learning environment that promotes clinical excellence, professional confidence, collaboration, and career development. Through mentorship and education, they inspire others, strengthen the future healthcare workforce, and contribute to a culture of continuous learning and professional growth.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee serves as an educator, mentor, preceptor, and/or role model, highlighting the ways they support the professional and clinical development of colleagues, trainees, or interdisciplinary team members. [250-word limit]**



# NATIONAL APP AWARDS

## APP OF THE YEAR



### Award Description

National APP of the Year award recognizes an APP who has been in advanced practice for at least 13 years and who has made a sustained and positive impact in their organization and the APP profession. In less than 250 words, please describe how this person demonstrates excellence in quality care, research and innovation, excellence and accountability, education and advocacy, and mentorship and precepting.



### Qualifications for Nomination

- Organization is registered for National APP week.
- Current APP at this organization and has not previously received this National APP award.
- Currently benefited employee at this organization and employed for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.
- Met their state licensure and all required certifications up to date.
- Designated as "talented" or "expert" on most recent Performance Evaluation
- Work history reviewed, and documented APP years of service verified.
- No professional conduct or performance concerns and APP is under no disciplinary action.



### Core Evaluation Domains



#### 1. QUALITY CARE

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**Provide specific examples of how this APP demonstrates clinical excellence and quality care through their ability to lead, problem solve and produce the best possible patient outcome; please include quality improvement initiatives. [250-word limit]**



#### 2. RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The APP that excels at Research and Innovation is able to identify opportunities for improving evidenced-based care delivery and clinical outcomes. This APP frequently inquires what can be done to improve outcomes for the patient and participates in clinical research. This APP strategizes to successfully implement plans to improve the delivery of care on a broad scale and is also a leader for change and improvement in the practices of APPs.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee shows innovation in research and clinical practice; highlight their participation in projects, publication, and educational offerings. [250-word limit]**



#### 3. EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The APP that excels at Excellence and Accountability demonstrates leadership through integrity, flexibility and commitment. This APP has achieved notoriety by setting ambitious professional goals and being persistent in making sure that these goals are met. This APP is seen as excelling in communication and relationship building. This APP member is recognized professionally within their organization and/or nationally for their dedication to excellence.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee embodies the values of the profession through their leadership and clinical service, name instances of how they successfully problem-solved and overcame obstacles to change. [250-word limit]**



#### 4. ADVOCACY, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, AND VOLUNTEERISM

The APP demonstrates an outstanding commitment to advocacy, community engagement, and service beyond direct patient care. The nominee promotes the physical, psychological, and social well-being of patients, families, and communities through compassionate care, outreach initiatives, volunteer activities, and professional advocacy. This individual actively supports programs, partnerships, or initiatives that improve access to care, address community needs, and advance the healthcare profession. The APP may also contribute to organizational, policy, or legislative efforts that positively influence healthcare delivery and health equity. Through leadership, service, and professional commitment, they create meaningful and lasting impact within both the healthcare environment and the broader community.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee demonstrates advocacy, community outreach, volunteerism, and/or professional leadership that positively impacts patients, communities, or the healthcare profession. [250-word limit]**



#### 5. MENTORSHIP AND EDUCATION

The APP demonstrates exceptional dedication to education, mentorship, and the professional development of others. The nominee actively supports the growth of APPs, students, trainees, medical staff, and interdisciplinary colleagues through teaching, coaching, precepting, and role modeling. This individual fosters a positive and supportive learning environment that promotes clinical excellence, professional confidence, collaboration, and career development. Through mentorship and education, they inspire others, strengthen the future healthcare workforce, and contribute to a culture of continuous learning and professional growth.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee serves as an educator, mentor, preceptor, and/or role model, highlighting the ways they support the professional and clinical development of colleagues, trainees, or interdisciplinary team members. [250-word limit]**



# NATIONAL APP AWARDS

## APP TEAM OF THE YEAR



### Award Description

National APP Team of the Year award recognizes an APP team who has made a significant, sustained and positive impact in their organization and the APP profession. In less than 250 words, please describe how this team of APPs demonstrates patient care excellence and collaborative practice, research and innovation, excellence and accountability, education and advocacy, and mentorship and precepting.



### Qualifications for Nomination

- Organization is registered for National APP week.
- Team consists of a minimum of 3 Advanced Practice Providers, including Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Midwives/Certified Nurse Midwives, or Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants.
- APPs are currently affiliated with the organization and have not previously received this National APP Team award.
- All APPs meet their state licensure requirements (active) and all required certifications up to date.
- No professional conduct or performance concerns among the team and no APP is under disciplinary action.
- Organizational Endorsement: Nomination is endorsed by COO, CNE, CNO, top executive APP leader (VP, SVP, CAPO, CAPE, Executive Director), or Department/Division Chair. Please provide executive level endorsement email address within the nomination. Nominations that do not include this information will not be considered.

*\*Identical entries in each section will be scored as a response to one section only.*



### Core Evaluation Domains

#### 1. PATIENT CARE EXCELLENCE AND COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The APP team that excels at providing excellent patient care demonstrates commitment to delivering exceptional, patient-centered care in collaboration with the multidisciplinary team while demonstrating measurable outcomes, including:

- Achieving high patient satisfaction scores.
- Demonstrating improved health outcomes through evidence-based practice.
- Providing culturally competent care that respects the diverse needs of patients.
- Ensuring safety and quality in all patient interactions.

The APP team is dedicated to improving each patient and their family's quality of life through exceptional, holistic, evidence-based care. The APP team uses past experiences to evaluate and develop solutions for clinical practice issues and enhanced team dynamics.

**Provide specific examples of how this APP team demonstrates clinical excellence and collaborative practice through their ability to lead, problem solve and produce the best possible patient outcome; please include any quality improvement initiatives. [250-word limit]**



#### 2. RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The APP team that excels at Research and Innovation is able to identify opportunities for improving evidenced-based care delivery and clinical outcomes. The APP team frequently inquires what can be done to improve outcomes for the patient and participates in clinical research. The APP team strategizes to successfully implement plans to improve the delivery of care on a broad scale and also leads change and improvement in the practices of all APPs.

**Provide specific examples of how this APP team shows innovation in research and clinical practice; highlight their participation in projects, publication, and educational offerings. [250-word limit]**



#### 3. EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The APP team that excels at Excellence and Accountability demonstrates leadership through integrity, flexibility and commitment. This APP team has achieved notoriety by setting ambitious professional goals and being persistent in making sure that these goals are met. This APP team is seen as excelling in communication and relationship building. APP team members may be recognized professionally within respective professional organizations and/or nationally for their dedication to excellence.

**Provide specific examples of how this APP team embodies the values of the profession through their leadership and clinical service, name instances of how they successfully problem-solved and overcame obstacles to change. [250-word limit]**



#### 4. EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

The APP team provides education to students, staff, and colleagues designed in promote physical & psychological well-being in addition to the social growth and development of our patients. They collectively advocate for patients and their families, as well as their profession, to develop programs that ensure the availability of high-quality health care for a community. This APP team may be involved in policy or legislative changes that enhance the mission of healthcare. They utilize leadership skills and professional knowledge to bring positive and impactful change.

**Provide specific examples of how this APP team represents and exemplifies strong patient advocacy, including their involvement in health policy. [250-word limit]**



#### 5. MENTORSHIP AND PRECEPTOR

The APP team is dedicated to mentoring colleagues and is actively involved in precepting new employees, medical staff, and trainees, as well as fostering professional growth within the team. They strive to make a positive influence in other healthcare professional's career paths.

**Provide specific examples of how this APP team serves as role models and mentors, highlighting ways they professionally support their colleagues and trainees. [250-word limit]**



# NATIONAL APP AWARDS

## APP MENTOR OF THE YEAR



### Award Description

The APP Mentor of the Year Award recognizes an Advanced Practice Provider with a minimum of 10 years experience who demonstrates exceptional commitment to mentoring and developing APPs across clinical, professional, and leadership domains. This individual fosters growth, confidence, and excellence in practice while supporting career advancement, wellbeing, and professional engagement. Through mentorship, collaboration, and role modeling, the recipient positively influences APP practice, strengthens teams, and advances the impact of advanced practice providers on patient care and organizational outcomes.



### Qualifications for Nomination

- Minimum 10 years experience
- Organization is registered for National APP week.
- Current APP at this organization and has not previously received APP of the Year Award. (Executive Committee recommendation)
- Currently benefited employee at this organization and employed for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.
- Met their state licensure and all required certifications up to date.
- Designated as “talented” or “expert” on most recent Performance Evaluation
- Work history reviewed, and documented APP years of service verified.
- No professional conduct or performance concerns and APP is under no disciplinary action.



### Core Evaluation Domains



#### 1. MENTORSHIP IMPACT

Describe how the nominee has demonstrated exceptional mentorship of advanced practice providers, including their impact on professional growth, confidence, and career development. Provide specific examples and include measurable outcomes if applicable. (250 word limit)



#### 2. COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

How has the nominee contributed to education, onboarding, training, or professional development of APPs (e.g., precepting, mentoring programs, orientation, continuing education)? Provide specific examples. (250 word limit)



#### 3. LEADERSHIP & ROLE MODELING

In what ways does the nominee serve as a role model and leader for advanced practice providers? Provide specific examples of professionalism, advocacy, and leadership development. (250 word limit)



#### 4. INFLUENCE ON PRACTICE & PATIENT CARE

Describe how the nominee’s mentorship has improved clinical practice, team collaboration, or patient outcomes. Provide specific examples of influence on clinical practice, team collaboration, or patient outcomes. (250 word limit)



#### 5. CULTURE OF SUPPORT & PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

How has the nominee fostered a supportive environment that promotes APP wellbeing, engagement, and retention? Provide specific examples. (250 word limit)



# NATIONAL APP AWARDS

## APP LEGACY BUILDER



### Award Description

The Legacy Builder Award recognizes an Advanced Practice Provider who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to APP education, professional development, and the advancement of future healthcare leaders. This award honors an APP educator whose sustained commitment to teaching, mentorship, innovation, and knowledge sharing has created a lasting impact on learners, teams, organizations, and the advanced practice profession. Through educational excellence, leadership, and a passion for developing others, the recipient inspires growth, fosters clinical excellence, and helps shape the future of advanced practice healthcare delivery.



### Qualifications for Nomination

- Minimum 10 years experience
- Organization is registered for National APP week.
- Current APP at this organization and has not previously received APP of the Year Award. (Executive Committee recommendation)
- Currently benefited employee at this organization and employed for a minimum of 12 consecutive months.
- Met their state licensure and all required certifications up to date.
- Designated as “talented” or “expert” on most recent Performance Evaluation
- Work history reviewed, and documented APP years of service verified.
- No professional conduct or performance concerns and APP is under no disciplinary action.



### Core Evaluation Domains



#### 1. EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Demonstrates expertise in teaching, curriculum development, clinical instruction, and educational program design that advances APP competency, confidence, and professional growth.

**Provide specific examples and measurable outcomes that demonstrate the nominee’s impact on learner development, educational quality, or clinical excellence. (250 word limit)**



#### 2. MENTORSHIP AND LEARNER DEVELOPMENT

Actively supports the development of APPs, students, trainees, and interdisciplinary colleagues through mentorship, coaching, precepting, and creation of supportive learning environments.

**Provide specific examples of how the nominee has supported learner growth, professional development, confidence, retention, or career advancement. (250 word limit)**



#### 3. INNOVATION IN APP EDUCATION

Implements innovative, evidence-based, or creative educational strategies that improve learner engagement, knowledge retention, clinical readiness, or professional development.

**Provide specific examples of innovative educational approaches, programs, or initiatives developed by the nominee, including outcomes or impact when available. (250 word limit)**



#### 4. LASTING IMPACT AND PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION

Creates sustainable educational impact through leadership, program development, scholarship, professional advocacy, or contributions that strengthen the future of the APP workforce and profession.

**Provide specific examples demonstrating the nominee’s long-term impact on individuals, teams, programs, organizations, or the broader APP profession. (250 word limit)**

