



Loretta C. Ford Award for Advancement of the Nurse Practitioner Role in Health Care

Dr. Loretta C. Ford has devoted her career to practice, education, research, consultation and the delivery of healthcare services. Dr. Ford is recognized as co-founder of the nurse practitioner model. Her contributions have been acknowledged by a number of honors, including the prestigious Princess Srinagarindra Award; the Gustav Lienhard Medal from the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences; the Living Legend Award from the American Academy of Nursing; the American College of Nurse Practitioner's Crystal Trailblazer Award; and the Elizabeth Blackwell Award, in addition to six honorary doctorates. Dr. Ford was inducted into The National Women's Hall of Fame September 30, 2011, distinguished as "*An internationally renowned nursing leader*". The Colorado Women's Hall of Fame will induct her in March 2012, as founder of the nurse practitioner movement and women's health advocate.

In recognition of her induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame, the Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) developed the *Loretta C. Ford Award for Advancement of the Nurse Practitioner Role in Health Care*. The Loretta Ford Award will be bestowed annually to a nurse practitioner who demonstrates participation in health care policy development at an international, national or local level; sustained and specific contribution to clarification of the role and scope of practice of Nurse Practitioners; and/or demonstrates a creative and effective action to turn a challenge to the nurse practitioner role into an effective opportunity to advanced practice and improved patient outcomes.

For questions, please email faanp@aanp.org.

Loretta Ford Award Criteria for Selection

Attributes of Awardee: **A Nurse Practitioner who:**

Demonstrates participation in health care policy development at an international, national or local level

OR

Sustained and specific contribution to clarification of the role and scope of practice of Nurse Practitioners

OR

Demonstrates a creative and effective action to turn a challenge to the nurse practitioner role into an effective opportunity to advanced practice and improved patient outcomes

Requirements:

Nomination statement by a member of AANP (maximum 350 words) which highlights the nominee's contribution to advancing nurse practitioner practice. The nomination should focus on how the nominee's actions have produced a sustainable change in health policy or advancement of the NP role. Dr. Ford's principles of turning challenge into opportunity resulting in prompt and effective action should be emphasized

Two supporting letters from individuals involved in the nominee's actions that support the nomination statement

Curriculum Vitae of the nominee

Process:

Nominations shall be made by submitting the required documents to faanp@aanp.org by March 30, 2012. Only complete applications will be considered. Notification of selection will be announced by late April 2012.

The Award:

The Dr. Loretta C. Ford Award for Advancement of the Nurse Practitioner Role in Health Care will be presented during a plenary session of the AANP National Conference. The award will consist of \$500 and a plaque designating the achievement, with funding to assist with the costs of transportation and lodging associated with attending the award ceremony.

Recurrent Selection: The award shall be a once in a lifetime award.

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