# ONS Award Policies

The ONS Distinguished, Excellence, Research, Pearl Moore ‘Making a Difference’, and Employer Recognition are managed by the Customer Relations Department, who abides by the following policies. Greater detail can be found in the ONS Awards Procedures.

## Application Deadline

ONS offers 15 awards. Due to the unique requirements and criteria for each award or recognition program, the nomination deadlines may vary throughout the year. Members will be notified in a timely manner of upcoming award deadlines through the appropriate communication channels (e.g., the ONS Awards pagefor the official deadlines for each individual award/recognition program).

## Call for Reviewers

The call for the appropriate reviewers (outlined below for each type of award) is sent several weeks before the award application deadline. Each eligible award nomination shall be reviewed by a minimum number of reviewers as described under each award procedure. All volunteer award reviewers will be required to sign a Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest form prior to reviewing awards.

## Nominators

Current Board of Directors are not eligible to serve as nominators or provide letters of reference or support for any ONS Award.

## Award Recipients

Individuals may be nominated in more than one category but may not receive more than one award in a given year. No individual may receive the same ONS award more than once.

Current ONS Board, and those who were on the ONS Board within the last year, are ineligible to receive ONS awards. Also, current award reviewers are not eligible to receive awards.

## Archiving

Only award recipients’ nomination materials are archived. All other award nomination materials are deleted after one year.

## Guidelines for Naming ONS Excellence Awards

The ONS Board will consider requests to rename one of the Excellence Awards in honor of a person, group or organization. The Distinguished Awards, except for the Pearl Moore Making a Difference Award, are not eligible to be renamed. A proposal should highlight the group or individual the award naming would honor and whether there is a reliable funding source to cover the costs of the plaque and monetary award. The latter will not prevent the ONS Board from naming an award as they are currently funded. Criteria the ONS Board will use in deciding whether to name an Excellence Award include but are not limited to:

* 1. The person or group being honored by an award in their name represents the ONS core values.
  2. The person or group have made a unique and lasting contribution to oncology nursing and/or ONS that goes above and beyond the contributions of volunteer or staff accomplishments.
  3. The precedence being set by naming the award does not obligate the Board to future requests and decisions. Each proposal will be considered based on the individual merit and magnitude of the contributions to oncology nursing and/or ONS and not in comparison to others honored by award naming.

After seven years, the naming rights will expire, and the award name will be retired. ONS Board reserves the rights to retire an award or award name in keeping with this criterion, the ONS mission and core values.

## Selection and Approval of Award Recipients

The selection of award recipients will be based on the scores submitted by reviewers with expertise in each of the various awards. In the event of a tie, the ONS Board of Directors will select the final winner(s). The exception to this process is the Lifetime Achievement Award and President’s Award, which will be reviewed and selected by the ONS Board of Directors. Honorable Mention awards could be considered for any award but must be approved by the ONS Board of Directors. The Board, at its discretion, may veto any award selection(s) that it deems to negatively impact the integrity of the Society. Further detail regarding award oversight and reviewer selection can be found below.

# Distinguished Awards

* 1. Names of the awards
     + Distinguished Researcher Award
     + President’s Award
     + Lifetime Achievement Award
     + Distinguished Award for Consistent Contributions to Nursing Literature
  2. Review teams

The review of the various Distinguished Awards will be conducted based on the following structure:

* Distinguished Researcher Award—reviewed by the Scientific subgroup of the Research Advisory Panel.
* President’s Award — chosen by the ONS Board.
* Lifetime Achievement Award – chosen by the ONS Board
* Distinguished Award for Consistent Contribution to Nursing Literature – reviewed by panel selected by Publications Department, in conjunction with its Editorial Boards.

# Excellence Awards

1. Names of the awards
   * Oncology Nursing Health Policy and Advocacy Award
   * Excellence in Cancer Nursing Management Award
   * Excellence in Cancer Nursing Education Award
   * Excellence in Clinical Practice
   * Excellence in Advanced Practice
2. Review teams

Each award review team consists of five volunteers selected by the ONS Clinical Department. No volunteer may review more than three awards.

*Exceptions in review structure:*

* Excellence in Oncology Nursing Health Policy and Advocacy Award—reviewed solely by members with federal, state, or local health policy and advocacy experience.

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# Research Awards

1. Names of the awards
   * Victoria Mock New Investigator Award
2. Review teams
   * Five reviewers are selected from a general call to the Scientific subgroup of the Research Advisory Panel.

# Pearl Moore ‘Making A Difference’ Awards

1. Names of the awards
   * Emerging Leader Award
   * Frontline Care Award
   * Team Achievement Award
2. Review Teams
   * Each team consists of five volunteers selected from the general ONS membership, with selection assistance provided by the Leadership Development Committee.

**Employer Recognition Awards**

1. Names of the award
   * Outstanding Employer Award
2. Review Teams
   * Five volunteers are selected from the general ONS membership. Review Members cannot be employed by an institution that has been nominated.

# Chapter Awards

1. Names of the award
   * Chapter Voting Awards (five size categories)
2. Review Teams
   * No reviewer is needed for this award. It is based on election participation of ONS chapters.

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