

Tips for GAPNA 2019 Awards Nominations

GAPNA is fortunate to have many outstanding members, chapters, and SIGs (Special Interest Groups) who are doing exceptional work to improve the health of older adults across the U.S. Thus, scoring for GAPNA Excellence Awards can be very competitive. Here are some tips from the Awards Committee for clearly communicating why your colleague/chapter/SIG is most deserving of a GAPNA Excellence Award.

1. At least 3 reviewers score the nominations for each category. The 3 reviewer scores are averaged. The category winner is the nominee with the highest mean score.
2. Each award description includes a section titled “Examples of the following are appropriate for consideration,” followed by a list. Award reviewers score each of these categories. **The more criteria are addressed, the more likely the nominee will win.**
3. The award reviewers do not have direct experience with the person/chapter/SIG nominated, so **objective outcome evidence** of the nominee’s activities need to be provided where possible.
4. In the event that a person/chapter/SIG is nominated by multiple parties, the nominations are reviewed, scored separately, and averaged. **The average score is used for the nominee.** It may be most effective for multiple nominators to work together to create one excellent, clearly communicated nomination. Multiple nominations do not confer additional points to the nominee. Moreover, if a second nomination is incomplete, this could detract from the nominee’s chances of winning.
5. Chapter Excellence nominations have a word limit of 1000 words, and all other excellence awards’ nominations have word limits of 500 words. **Additional words beyond the word limit will not be considered or scored by the reviewers.** For example, if a 525 word nomination is submitted for the Excellence in Clinical Practice category, the reviewers will only read and score the first 500 words.
6. Thank you so much for taking the time to communicate your colleague/chapter/SIG’s outstanding work! The 2019 Excellence Awards nominations are open from **March 1 – June 1**. Nominations submitted after June 1 will not be able to be considered for 2019. If you have any questions about the Awards process, don’t hesitate to contact Awards Chair Abby Parish at abby.parish@vanderbilt.edu.