

**Sigma Theta Tau International  
Eta Upsilon Chapter  
2006 Awards & Scholarship Information**

Nominations and applications are now being accepted for the following 2006 awards and scholarships. The deadline for all submissions is **April 1, 2006** to allow for adequate time to review and notify the award recipients. Please refer to the attached forms for specific criteria for each award/scholarship. Listed below are some of the individuals who have previously received the awards.

**Excellence in Nursing.** This award rotates between Nursing Practice, Research, Leadership, and Education. Previous recipients include Diane Langemo (Research, 1989), Judith Euller (Education, 1993), Helene Kahlstorf (Practice, 1994), Patricia Vermeersch (Research, 1995), Lois Ustanko (Leadership, 1996), Helen Melland (Education, 1997), Susan Goebel (Practice, 1998), Susan Henly (Research, 1999), Debbie Swanson (Leadership, 2000), Cindy Anderson (Education 2001), Kim Haug (Practice, 2002), Glenda Lindseth (Research, 2003), Roxanne Hurley (Leadership, 2004), and Darlene Hanson (Education, 2005).

**Outstanding Undergraduate Student.** This award is given to an undergraduate student with at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrating outstanding performance. Previous recipients include Lisa Ellefson (1992); Carol Hirschhorn (1994); Kimberly Nutz (1996); Tami Siewinski (1997); Elizabeth Miller (1998); Jennifer Dukart (1999); Sandy Becker (2000), Maria Rosa (2001), Andrea Bartholomay (2002), Megan Geiszler (2003), Brittany Grzadzielewski, (2004), and Jennifer Gauderman (2005).

**Outstanding Graduate Student.** This award is given to a graduate student with at least a 3.5 GPA and demonstrating outstanding performance. Previous recipients include Colleen Holzwarth (1992), Loretta Heuer (1994), Mary Lynn Eaglestaff (1996), Polly Dunn (1997), Karen Semmons (1999), Nancy McEnroe (2000), Kathleen Schweitzer (2001), Kathy Holt (2002), Heidi Stahl (2003), Kimberly Gregg (2004), and Eileen Tabert (2005).

**Tenth Anniversary Scholarship.** This scholarship was created in 1994 to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chartering of the chapter. This \$250 scholarship is given to a nurse who is returning to UND to obtain a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing. Previous recipients include Julie Anderson (1995), Sherry Burg (1997), Carrie Wise (2000), Candy Homstad and Heidi Stahl (2001), none awarded (2002), Julie Lavelle (2003), and none awarded 2004 or 2005.

**Caring Award.** This award was established in 1994 to recognize a STTI member for excellence in nursing as demonstrated by caring. Previous recipients are Barbara Dahlen (1995), Ellen O'Connor (1996), Virginia Esslinger (1997), Liz Tyree (1998), Nancy Klatt (1999), Cec Volden (2000), Pam Engel (2001), Christine Burd (2002), Nancy Joyner (2003), Terrie Jo Wold (2004) and Bette Olson (2005).

The chapter awards are a special way to recognize nursing colleagues for their accomplishments and to reward outstanding undergraduate and graduate students.

**Please consider nominating someone!**

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**2006 Nomination Form**

To nominate an individual, complete this form, attach a paragraph describing how the nominee demonstrates the criteria for the award (include pertinent examples) and return to the address below.

**Deadline: April 1, 2006**

I nominate,

(Name of nominee)

(Address of nominee)

(City/State/Zip of nominee)

(Phone of nominee)

for the

Award.

As indicated in my attached statement, it is my belief that this individual meets the criteria set for this award.

Nominated by:

Name

Address

Phone

Return this completed form, your written statement of support and one additional letter of endorsement and/or support to:

**Susan Hunter, Awards and Scholarship Committee**

**UND College of Nursing, Box 9025**

**Grand Forks, ND 58202-9025**

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**Sigma Theta Tau International  
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**Excellence in Nursing Practice Award**

**General Criteria**

1. Sigma Theta Tau member.
2. Peer/faculty recognition.
3. Two letters of endorsement and/or support from nursing and/or community leaders.
4. Vitae

**Specific Criteria**

1. Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in area of clinical nursing practice.
2. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care.
3. Possesses clinical expertise and attributes of a clinical scholar.
4. Advances the scope and practice of nursing.
5. Serves as mentor/preceptor that inspires peer's practice of nursing.
6. Influences the practice of nursing through communication.
7. Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice.
8. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect nursing practice.

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**Caring Award**

**General Criteria**

1. Sigma Theta Tau International member
2. Excellence in nursing as demonstrated by caring
3. Nomination by chapter member
4. Two letters of endorsement and/or support from nursing and/or community leaders.

**Has a fellow Sigma Theta Tau member demonstrated exceptional caring this past year? If so who?**

**Sigma Theta Tau International  
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**Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Performance**

**General Criteria:**

1. Sigma Theta Tau International member
2. Peer/Faculty recognition
3. Two letters of endorsement and/or support from nursing and/or community leaders.
4. 3.0 GPA
5. Has not received award previously

**Specific Award Criteria:**

Demonstrates outstanding performance in two or more of the following activities: clinical, academic, creative, research, leadership, or community service as evidenced by a number of criteria such as:

- a. Excels in communication skills.
- b. Carries out projects in a creative manner.
- c. Participates in the development of other nursing students.
- d. Creates an environment that enhances the image of nursing/nurses.
- e. Demonstrates superior preparation and organization consistently.
- f. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care.
- g. Demonstrates sound knowledge base in clinical judgements and practice.
- h. Participates in CON or other pre-professional organizations that affect nursing practice.
- i. Recognized as a nursing leader within College and/or University.
- j. Demonstrates well-rounded interests and potential for future contributions to the profession.

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**Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Performance**

**General Criteria:**

1. Sigma Theta Tau International member
2. 3.5 GPA
3. Peer/faculty recognition
4. Two letters of endorsement and/or support from nursing and/or community leaders
5. Vitae
6. Has not received award previously

**Specific Award Criteria:**

Demonstrates outstanding performance in two or more of the following activities: clinical, academic, creative, research, leadership, or community service as evidenced by a number of criteria such as:

- a. Excels in communication skills.
- b. Carries out projects in a creative manner.
- c. Participates in the development of other nursing students.
- d. Creates an environment that enhances the image of nursing/nurses.
- e. Demonstrates superior preparation and organization consistently.
- f. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care.
- g. Demonstrates sound knowledge base in clinical judgements and practice.
- h. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect during practice.
- i. Receives local, state, or national recognition as a nursing leader.
- j. Demonstrates well-rounded interests and potential for future contributions to the profession.
- k. Participates in nursing research.
1. Creates publishable materials.

**Sigma Theta Tau International  
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10th Anniversary Scholarship  
\$250.00**

**General Criteria:**

- I . LPN or RN who is attending the UND College of Nursing to obtain a baccalaureate or master's degree in nursing (membership in STTI not required).
2. Commitment to scholarly endeavors
3. Demonstrated commitment to professional goals
4. Demonstrated commitment to scholarship and leadership
5. Nomination by chapter member

**Application is to include:**

1. A short essay which addresses:
  - a. Scholarship and leadership abilities
  - b. Future goals and plans
  - c. Role of professional organizations in nursing and in applicant's personal goals
2. Transcript of all academic work
3. Two letters of endorsement and or support from nursing and/or community leaders.