



Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology
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Tips for Award Nominators: Recommendations for Support Letters

All Awards

- Carefully read the criteria for the award and use them as a guide or template for the nomination letter.
- Demonstrate how the nominee has met the criteria through examples and stories.
- Highlight the reach of work done (local, regional, national).
- Involve colleagues, leaders, patients and families.
- Mention current or past CANO participation.
- Ensure nominee is a CANO member if required (varies for each category).

Nurse of the Year Award

- The focus of this award is accomplishments in the last year.
- Provide clear examples or stories of how the nominee stood out through excellence and leadership in the last year.
- The nominee is an amazing nurse, but how have they contributed to advancing oncology nursing or health system transformation in the last year (locally, provincially, and nationally)?
- Include colleagues, leaders, patients and families who have been involved or impacted by the change/leadership.
- Ensure the nominee is a CANO member.

Rising Star Award

- Ensure nominee is a nurse who has less than three years oncology experience.
- Provide evidence through examples or stories how this individual meets each of the criteria for the award.