

21st ANNUAL STATEWIDE NURSING ESSAY CONTEST



Nevada Hospital Association

The Nevada Hospital Association invites nurses to participate in its **21st** Annual Statewide Nursing Essay Contest. Considering these are unprecedented times, nurses around the world are being called on and challenged in new and unexpected ways because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While not all nurses are working directly with COVID-19 patients in the ICU, all nurses are serving in vitally essential roles as they ensure the health and well-being of others. Regardless of the specialty or location where you serve, the realities of providing care have changed dramatically for all nurses in the past year. Whether it is facing ethical dilemmas, having courageous conversations by telephone or video, learning new skills, or having enough resources and supplies to take care of patients and staff, as crucial providers of care on the front lines, you will forever have our gratitude for your incredible care and concern. This year's theme, ***Making a Difference Every Day During Unprecedented Times***, encompasses the unique contributions nurses make in the care of patients and their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic. From this main theme, you can submit essays in one of the three following categories by answering the following questions:

- **Professional Development Category**

My professional development and perspective in nursing has been influenced by COVID-19 because . . .

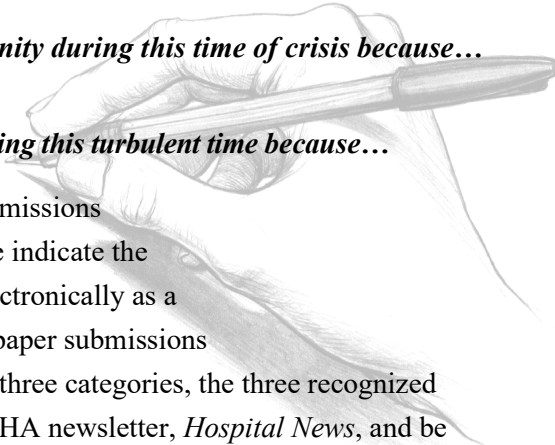
- **Attraction Category**

I answered the call to serve as a nurse in my community during this time of crisis because...

- **Commitment/Retention Category**

I am tremendously inspired to remain in nursing during this turbulent time because...

All contest essays should be between 500 and 800 words. Submissions must be centered on the main theme, **and** one category. Please indicate the category you are submitting for. Essays must be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word document by Friday, April 9 at 5:00 PM. No paper submissions will be accepted. In addition to prizes awarded in each of the three categories, the three recognized winners will have their pictures and essays referenced in the NHA newsletter, *Hospital News*, and be recognized in partnership with their employer administration and peers.



Please Submit Your Entries by Friday, April 9, 2021 to:

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(No paper copies will be accepted)

If you have questions, please contact Leslie or

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