

SGNA Gabriele Schindler Award

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current member of SGNA (Voting Licensed Nurse/Voting Associate), with a membership of at least five years.
- Must be currently employed as a care provider in clinical gastroenterology with a minimum of five years experience.
- Is currently serving or has served on an SGNA national committee.

Performance Criteria

The candidate has made important contributions in direct patient care in any or all of the following areas:

- Consistently demonstrates commitment to high standards and competence in direct patient care, utilizes the SGNA standards for practice, and demonstrates care and compassion toward the individual needs of the patient.
- Demonstrates clinical competency and leadership by serving as preceptor, mentor or role model for peers.
- Is recognized by others as an expert in the gastroenterology nursing practice.
- Has developed standards of care/protocol, policy/procedure manuals, QI program, patient education materials, etc.
- Participates in educational programs for other healthcare professionals or the public at large.
- Actively participates in nursing programs, research, committees or projects and maintains current knowledge of changes and advancement in the gastroenterology nursing practice.
- Supports certification in the specialty.
- During service on SGNA national committee – completed tasks, met deadlines and actively participated on committee.

Guidelines for the Letter of Referral

For the Gabriele Schindler Award, SGNA asks that the nominator submit the application with a letter of referral for the nominee. The nominee will not be contacted for any supplemental information and will not be notified of his/her nomination by SGNA.

Therefore, if you have nominated someone for the Gabriele Schindler Award, please use the outlined Letter of Referral form available at www.sgna.org.

Guidelines for Candidate Letter

The five categories outlined below should serve as a guideline for writing your letter of referral.

I. Experience

- Include the number of years in the healthcare field and describe the current role as a gastroenterology nurse/associate.
- Include this candidate's number of years as an SGNA member.
- Describe this candidate's performance on SGNA national committee. How did they completed tasks, meet deadlines and actively participated on committee.
- GI certification

II. Clinical Competencies

- Describe leadership role as preceptor, role model, or mentor.
- Describe experience in GI nursing practice (i.e., recognition by others).
- Describe this candidate's commitment to consistent high standards, professionalism, and competency in direct patient care utilizing SGNA's Standard of Practice.

III. Accomplishments

- Describe participation in education programs (research, committee projects).
- Patient care, advocacy, continuing education, practice-related publications, project development activities, participation in other professional organizations
- Steps taken to maintain current knowledge of changes and advancement in GI nursing practice.

IV. Personal Accomplishments

- Community service, education and volunteer work.

V. References

- Please include two names of references that can verify/substantiate the information in your letter.
- Committee Performance (may require input from Committee Chair/Board Liaison)

Award Benefits

- A plaque inscribed with recipient's name and date.
- Waived tuition, airfare, and three-day hotel reimbursement for the Annual Course (time of presentation).
- Recognition in SGNA News.
- Medallion inscribed with recipient's name and date.

Award benefits are subject to change without notice.

CALL FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Please use this form to nominate candidates for the following prestigious SGNA Award. Indicate which award you are making a nomination for and complete the questionnaire below. Please refer to the official SGNA Awards Brochure for information on criteria and instructions on how to complete application for consideration. If you have any questions, contact SGNA Headquarters at (800) 245-SGNA.

- Gabriele Schindler Award:** This award recognizes the individual who demonstrates excellence in gastroenterology clinical practice and who exemplifies the skill, knowledge and compassion of Gabriele Schindler, an early pioneer of GI patient care. SGNA presents this prestigious award annually to the member who best represents Schindler's spirit of compassion, commitment, professionalism and caring.
Submit nomination by November 30th.

_____ I will remit a letter of referral for the nominee.
_____ Another party will provide a letter of referral for the
nominee.
Name of party: _____

**Please refer to detailed instructions on how to write a letter of referral for the Gabriele Schindler Award listed in the Awards Brochure.

SGNA Gabriele Schindler Award for Clinical Excellence
Nomination Form

Nominator:

Name/Credentials: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominee:

Name/Credentials: _____

Phone: _____

Institution: _____

Address (if known): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Professional Experience:

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| 1. | Number of years in the health care field | _____ |
| 2. | Number of years experience in GI Nursing or Associate | _____ |
| 3. | Number of years as a member of SGNA | _____ |
| 4. | Completed Tasks On Time on National Committee | Yes No |
| 5. | Actively Participated on National Committee | Yes No |
| 6. | Is the nominee certified in GI? | Yes No |
| 7. | Has the nominee earned the GTS certificate? | Yes No |

Clinical Competencies:

- Describe in detail the nominee's leadership role as preceptor, role model or mentor

- Describe in detail the nominee's experience in GI nursing practice. Please include any recognition by others.

3. Describe in detail the nominee's commitment to consistent high standards, professionalism, and competency in direct patient care utilizing SGNA's Standard of Practice.

Experience and Accomplishments:

1. Describe the nominee's participation in educational programs. Include research or committee projects.

2. Describe the nominee's patient care, advocacy, continuing education, practice related publications, and project development activities.

3. Describe the nominee's steps taken to maintain current knowledge, changes and advancements in GI nursing practice.

Personal Accomplishments:

1. List any community service, education or volunteer work done by the nominee.

References:

Please include a letter of referral for the nominee.

Please include a letter of referral for the nominee from another party. The letter should verify/substantiate the information submitted in this application, refer to pages 4-5 in this brochure for guidelines.