**Gabriele Schindler Award Nomination**

*Please use this form to nominate candidates for the Gabriele Schindler Award. Refer to the criteria below and referral letter guidelines below. 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 below.*

**A complete nomination will include:**

[ ] The completed nomination form

[ ] Letter(s) of referral covering the following topics:

* Experience
* Clinical Competencies
* Accomplishments
* Personal Accomplishments
* 2 references (these can be in the form of additional letters of referral)

See the letter of referral guidelines for detailed instructions.

**Letter(s) of referral due by December 31st.**

**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.*

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be a current member of SGNA (Voting Licensed Nurse/Voting Associate), with a membership of at least five years.
2. Must be currently employed as a care provider in clinical gastroenterology with a minimum of five years’ experience.
3. 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:

1. 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.
2. Demonstrates clinical competency and leadership by serving as preceptor, mentor or role model for peers.
3. Is recognized by others as an expert in the gastroenterology nursing practice.
4. Has developed standards of care/protocol, policy/procedure manuals, QI program, patient education materials, etc.
5. Participates in educational programs for other healthcare professionals or the public at large.
6. Actively participates in nursing programs, research, committees or projects and maintains current knowledge of changes and advancement in the gastroenterology nursing practice.
7. Supports certification in the specialty.
8. 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 at least one 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 Letter of Referral Outline below.

**Letter of Referral Outline**

*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)