



# American Board of Nursing Specialties

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*Promoting Excellence in Nursing Certification*

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## **Janel Parker President's Award**

### **Application**

*In memory of Janel Parker, MSN, RN, CNN Past President, ABNS*

Janel Parker, ABNS President from 1991 - 1993, specialized in nephrology nursing for more than 20 years and was a nationally recognized leader, author and speaker. Early in her career she recognized the value of specialty nursing certification and was a cofounder of the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission. As an early advocate for nursing certification, she worked tirelessly to create an ABNS structure that promotes nursing certification as a means to recognize quality nursing care. Her commitment to ABNS, as evidenced by the numerous volunteer roles she held, continues to be an inspiration to its members. Janel is remembered for her energy, vision, and passion for specialty nursing certification!

### **Purpose**

The Janel Parker Presidents Award is given biennially to recognize an individual or organization within the ABNS membership that has made significant contributions to specialty nursing certification and to the association.

### **Eligibility**

The Janel Parker Presidents Award recognizes individual representatives of ABNS member organizations or the organizations themselves. All nominees must be active members of ABNS as demonstrated by ongoing involvement in and contribution to ABNS activities. Individual members of the Board of Directors are not eligible for the award, however the organizations they represent are. The ABNS Awards and Recognition Committee, and their organizations, are not eligible for the award. Nominees will exemplify the ABNS vision and mission as advocates for specialty nursing certification. All nominees are pioneers whose work will continue to affirm ABNS and its value to the health care community.

### **Criteria**

A nominee's support of specialty nursing certification will be evaluated according to the following broadly defined criteria:

- Active participation in ABNS, with demonstrated involvement in activities that advance the visibility, mission and vision of ABNS;
- Activities significantly contribute to the promotion, visibility and value of ABNS;
- Activities promote the accreditation function of ABNS;
- Accomplishments that promote the value of specialty nursing certification to individuals, healthcare organizations; and/or the public that have led to increased numbers of certified nurses;
- Outstanding activities as related to nursing certification which influence the process, standards, and legal mandates relevant to specialty nursing certification.

### **Application Deadline**

An application form must be submitted electronically by January 29. For further information, contact the ABNS at 978-364-5129; [abns@nursingcertification.org](mailto:abns@nursingcertification.org).

**APPLICATION FORM**

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**Name of ABNS Member Nominee  
(Individual or Organization)**

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**Mailing Address**

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**City                      State                      Zip code**

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**Business Phone                      E-Mail Address**

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**Name of Individual Submitting Nomination**

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**Mailing Address**

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**City                      State                      Zip code**

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**Business Phone E-Mail Address**

Please provide a narrative (not to exceed 3 pages) that describes how the nominee meets the award criteria (see criteria on page 1).