

## Mary E Mahoney Award

The Mary E Mahoney Award was established in 1936 by the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses. The Award is named for Mary Eliza Mahoney, the first African American graduate nurse in the United States. This is the highest award that is given by both the local and national organizations.

1. The Award was established to honor the efforts of nurses to raise the status of African American Nurses in professional life.

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2. Recognizes significant contributions, by an individual nurse to foster integration within the nursing profession.

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## **Nursing Leadership Award**

The nursing leadership award was established to recognize outstanding nurses who have made significant contributions in their practice through demonstrated talents in nursing

1. The nominee must possess clinical expertise and demonstrate excellence in nursing practice.

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2. Foster a healthy culture of respect, integrity and collegiality within the health care team.

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3. Has made significant contributions to the prestige and credibility of nursing.

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## **Nursing Professional Award**

The Nursing Professional Award was established to acknowledge registered nurses who are involved in direct patient care.

1. The recipient, through strength of character, commitment and competence, receives recognition by peers and one who contributes to the advancement of nursing practice.

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2. This nurse also participates in community and organizational affairs, demonstrates an ability to work with others, and has an innovative outlook.

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