



Illinois Association of School Nurses Foundation

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Dear IASN Inquiry and Innovation Applicant,

On the IASN web site, you will find the application forms and information for the annual IASN Inquiry and Innovation Awards. Please note that your project shall be completed within twenty-four months prior to the submission deadline of August 1. There are 3 different awards:

- Research: The Lois Frels Research Award for completion of a research study
- Achievement, Award for achievement which impacts school nursing and/or health of children/youth, or
- Mini Grant Project: for project development which impacts school nursing and/or health of children/youth. The Mini Grant Award shall be a project done within 24 months of the August 1 deadline.
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The Committee will make the final decision.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Shannon, Inquiry and Innovation Committee Chair, at rshann2@uic.edu

The application should be returned to Robin Shannon no later than August 1. Thank you for your interest in this award and good luck.

Sincerely,

Robin Shannon, MS., RN, NCSN.

IASN Foundation

Chair, Innovation and Inquiry



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THE LOIS FRELS RESEARCH AWARD GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR APPLICANT

The Lois Frels Research Award was established in 1991 and is presented to members of IASN in recognition of outstanding research which impacts school nursing and/or the health of children/youth. Dr. Lois Frels is former certified school nurse who has encouraged school nurses to do nursing research and remains a true friend to the school nursing profession. The amount of the award will be \$500.00

The research project shall be a **COMPLETED** project done within 24 months prior to the submission deadline of August 1. The winner(s) will be encouraged to enter the project for the NASN Lillian Wald Research Award, *but the completion time for NASN is 12 months*. An individual may enter the NASN Research Award independently of IASN. The award recipient will be encouraged to publish the research project. The award recipient will be expected to present at the IASN Annual Conference (abstract, poster session, etc.) as well as submit an IASN Newsletter article.

The applicant(s) shall be a qualified professional school nurse engaged in one of the following categories:

- A. The practice of school Nursing.
- B. The education of school nurses (nursing faculty).
- C. The study of school nursing (student for Masters).
- D. A retired member with active membership status.
- E. Past award winner(s) may submit new research projects every five (5) years.

The applicant(s) shall be an ACTIVE status member of IASN prior to submission of the research project.

The applicant(s) shall submit a Curriculum Vita (four copies).

The applicant(s) shall submit a project report of completed research, which includes at minimum:

- A. Title of study or project
- B. Purpose of study or project
- C. Clearly stated research question or hypotheses.
- D. Brief review of relevant literature on research topic.
- E. Description of the methodology used and the results of data collected.
- F. Description of the assumptions and limitations of the research project.
- G. Contribution the project will make to the field of school nursing and/or health of children/youth.



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The following format will be used in writing entries:

- A. One page abstract
- B. Double spaced
- C. 1" margins
- D. APA format, current edition

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THE LOIS FRELS RESEARCH AWARD FORM

Name

Address

Phone () H () W EMAIL

Social Security Number

Job Title/position

Employer

Employer Address

IASN Division

Highest Degree Held University / College

Title of Research Paper

Date of Completion of Research Project

Co-Author(s) (if any)

Co-Author Address

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Please submit the application form, curriculum vitae, and research paper by email to:

Robin Shannon, Inquiry and Innovation Chair, at rshann2@uic.edu

DEADLINE: August 1