

2026 NAHNStrong Nomination Instructions

What is #NAHNStrong?

#NAHNStrong is a program that recognizes individual NAHN members who treat others with dignity, respect, kindness, compassion, and civility, while working with or throughout their communities.

#NAHNSTRONG honorees are NAHN's good citizens who are dedicated to practicing social justice in their everyday lives. They are nominated by fellow NAHN members and supporters, and selected by the NAHN Communications Committee each year.

Nominee Criteria and Eligibility

- Nominee must demonstrate the following #NAHNStrong qualities while working within their communities.
 1. Treats others with dignity - the state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect.
 2. Treats others with respect - regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, or traditions of others
 3. Treats others with kindness - the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate
 4. Treats others with compassion - sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it.
 5. Treats others with civility - formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech.
 6. Practices social justice in their daily lives - fair treatment of all people in a society including respect for the rights of minorities and equitable distribution of resources among members of a community.
- Nominee must be an individual member of NAHN in good standing through at least December 31, 2026. All individual member types are eligible, including general, student, nursing affiliate, international affiliate, emeritus, and affiliate.
- NAHN members can only receive #NAHNStrong award a maximum of two times.
- Members cannot receive awards 2 consecutive years in a row.
- #NAHNStrong honorees will be chosen by the NAHN Communications Committee from the nominees, and will be recognized on NAHN's social media, website, and newsletter.
- Honorees will be invited to provide their bios and headshots for publicity purposes.

Nomination Process

- Nominations can be submitted by anyone familiar with the nominee. You do not need to be a NAHN member to submit a nomination.
- Nominations must be submitted electronically [using this nomination form](#) by the deadline.
- Nominations for 2026 #NAHNStrong members are due **October 30, 2026**.
- Nominators will be asked to provide specific examples of how their nominee embodies the #NAHNStrong qualities. Answers will be limited to 300 characters (including spaces) for each quality. Examples are below.

Samples of NAHNStrong Qualities

- Dignity: The nominee demonstrates dignity in her work by focusing on personalized, respectful care, especially for older adults and those with Alzheimer's. Her approach ensures patients feel valued and heard, advocating for them through clinical training and outreach, especially within underserved communities.
- Respect: In her community care job, patients are diagnosed with infectious diseases. The nominee advocates for open, respectful communication, privacy, implementing tools to simplify communication using electronic devices for continuity of care.
- Kindness: The nominee's kindness is evident in her dedication to volunteering and mission work. Her selfless actions, such as traveling to Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Mexico to provide care, demonstrate her generous spirit and her desire to make a positive difference in the lives of others.
- Compassion: The nominee has shown compassion throughout her service during the pandemic, she understands the stress her staff have endured. She acknowledges her team, her actions speak loudly of her dedication to her staff, patients and her nursing professionalism.
- Civility: The nominee's professionalism and charisma was debuted recently when she was doing a lecture and someone challenged the importance of cultural humility in anesthesia practice. Though challenging and emotional, she was gentle and kind in her response.
- Social Justice: The nominee is committed to diversifying the healthcare pipeline through mentorship and advancing policies that support psychological safety for researchers. This work seeks to create an inclusive healthcare workforce that reflects and advocates for the communities it serves.

Questions?

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