



RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year Awards 2025 - Nomination guidance

The RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year Awards will take place at the Culloden Hotel, Holywood on Thursday 5 June 2025. This will be the 27th awards ceremony to take place in the awards' prestigious 29-year history.

The RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year Awards provide an opportunity to highlight excellence within nursing in Northern Ireland and the contribution that nurses make to the health and wellbeing of the people of Northern Ireland. Nursing staff are leading the way in delivering high quality, innovative and person-centred care. Over the past two years, the nursing profession has excelled, despite the most difficult of circumstances.

Award categories

Cancer Nurse Award
Chief Nursing Officer's Rising Star Award
Digital Innovation in Nursing Award
Directors of Nursing Award
Health Care Support Worker Award
Independent Sector Nursing Award
Leadership Award
Learning in Practice Award
Nursing Research Award
Patient's Choice Award
Primary Care Nurse Award
Public Health Award
RCN Northern Ireland Nurse of the Year Award
Student Award
Team Manager Award

How to nominate

Online nominations and the criteria for each award are available on the RCN website at:

The online nomination form must be completed at one time. There is no function available to save the form, therefore, please ensure you have all of the information you require, including the correct contact details before you complete the application.

With the exception of the Nursing Research Award which allows a higher word limit, you will be asked to submit in no more than **500 words** evidence of how the nominee meets each of the award



criteria. It would be useful to have this information completed and saved in a text document before you complete the online form.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 21 February 2025**. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

Please note:

- Selection will be made by a panel of judges. All awards and prizes are non-transferable.
- The judges' decision is final.
- If short-listed, the candidate will be required to attend an interview on a date to be confirmed by the RCN.
- The awards ceremony will take place at the Culloden Hotel on 5 June 2025. **Attendance at the interview and awards ceremony is mandatory.**
- **Any candidate who withdraws from the awards ceremony after interview will be disqualified.**
- Application forms received after the closing date will not be considered.
- The RCN reserves the right to disqualify candidates at any stage of the competition should it judge that it is in the best interest of the nursing and midwifery professions to do so.
- The closing date for entries is **21 February 2025**.