APGNN Excellence in Mentoring Award

Purpose: To honor and identify mentors who support nursing excellence and professional development, to heighten awareness of the need for mentoring, and to encourage broader mentoring participation in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition.

Award: The recipient will be awarded $250 and a commemorative plaque or certificate. The award will be presented by his/her nominating APGNN member.

Eligibility: Served as a mentor to an APGNN member during the past 36 months. Recipients do not need to be APGNN members/nurses but must have professionally mentored the nominator.

Application Submission:

Deadline: August 1, 2026

Submission: Applications should be submitted in PDF format to the APGNN Membership Committee Chair (Rhys David: rdavid@rchsd.org)

Application: Please submit the following information regarding your mentor:

- Typed letter of nomination (approximately 250 words) that highlights the ways in which the mentor reflects the purpose of the award, including how they have fostered your career development through scholarship, teaching, and advocacy.
- Name and contact information of nominee
- Curriculum vitae of nominee
- Nominator's name and contact information, including title and practice location.

Judging Criteria: Each application will be evaluated by the Membership Chair and Membership Committee members. The nominee should possess the following qualities:

- Respects goals and assists in professional development; inspires, encourages, supports essential strategies for life success
- Actively guides and assists with clinical work, research and/or education; articulates and encourages high standards
- Accessible for advice and assistance; takes time to ensure guidance is provided
- Actively seeks financial or other support for education, research, or clinical activities
- Actively involves APGNN member in clinical, educational and/or research activities
- Actively involves APGNN member in professional conferences and/or publications
- Provides assistance to overcome problems or barriers to ongoing professional development
- Helps to 'network' with other relevant professionals
- Alerts to career opportunities; helps secure and/or advance employment opportunities
- Is a strong advocate for pediatric GI/nutrition nurses
- Provides excellent model of professionalism