

## **WeRPN Excellence in Care of Older Ontarian Award**

The Martha Award

**Background:** In dedication to Martha Thumlert, an older adult and an exceptional woman who died unnecessarily from a hospital acquired infection.

There are outstanding Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) who work everywhere that health care is delivered to care for older Ontarians. Today over 17,000 RPNs employed in nursing in Ontario identify caring for older adults as their area of specialization.

This award celebrates the dedication of an RPN who provides exceptional care to our beloved older adults in a manner that is respectful, compassionate, professional and exemplifies nursing excellence. In particular, this award acknowledges a nurse who is focused on the improvement of safety and well-being of older Ontarians by demonstrating knowledge, innovation and leadership.

The recipient of the award will receive a \$500.00 scholarship and a one-year free WeRPN membership.

**Each year the Awards Committee will review all nominations submitted and select one recipient for this award. The nominee must be:**

- A member in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario and;
- An RPN who has contributed in a significant way, on an ongoing basis, to enhancing care of Older Ontarians.

**Nominations will be evaluated according to the following:**

- Evidence of leadership within the nursing profession and in practice, role modeling excellence and professionalism in the care of older Ontarians.
- Evidence of knowledge and innovation in daily practice and demonstrates excellence in practice with a focus on the improvement of safety and well-being and;
- Evidence of excellence in developing and supporting respectful collaboration with members of the health care team, the patient and family to support the patient's goals

**Process:**

Nominations submitted for The Excellence in Care of Older Ontarian Award 2020 must be received in the Award Template and include letters of support (one from a direct supervisor) at WeRPN no later than **Friday, July 24, 2020**. The award presentation will occur in October 2020.

The nominator and recipient will be notified by September 1, 2020.

Submissions should not exceed three pages, excluding supporting documentation/references.

Please address all submissions and direct all inquiries to:

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**Excellence in the Care of Older Ontarians Nomination 2020**

<b>Nominee</b>	
<b>Employer</b>	
<b>Background Information:</b> Include where this nominee works and/or volunteers, how long the person has been a nurse and how long the nurse has cared for older Ontarians.	
<b>Contribution to Enhancing Care:</b> Why does this nurse deserve to be recognized for excellence in the care of older Ontarians? Describe how the nominee contributes in a significant way and on an ongoing basis to enhancing the care. How does the nominee focus on the improvement of safety and well-being? How does the nominee demonstrate knowledge and innovation in daily practice?	
<b>Leadership:</b> Describe how the nominee demonstrates leadership within the nursing profession and in practice. How does the nominee role model excellence and professionalism in the care of older Ontarians? Describe how the nominee demonstrates respectful collaboration with other members of the health care team to support patient goals?	
<b>References:</b> One reference from a direct supervisor must be included to support the nomination (Please provide as separate document)	
<b>Nominator</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

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