

Hackensack Meridian *Health*

GAIL LAWRENCE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gail Lawrence Memorial Advanced Practice Award was established in 1999 to honor Gail Lawrence, a cardio-thoracic advanced practice nurse who worked at Jersey Shore University Medical Center prior to her premature death in July of 1999. Gail truly loved her profession and had mentored many Meridian nurses, encouraging them to continue their education, and take the risks necessary to achieve their goals. She has inspired and challenged all at Hackensack Meridian *Health* to continue learning to improve professional practice. Gail consistently garnered the respect of colleagues, patients and all who met her through her candor, sense of purpose and her dedication despite all obstacles and challenges that she faced.

To honor Gail's memory, this award will be presented annually during Nurses Week to a Hackensack Meridian *Health* Advanced Practice Nurse/Nursing Student whose accomplishments in the field of practice, education, or research demonstrate a commitment to excellence in patient care. This award has been established to recognize an individual nurse who has made significant contributions to the professional advancement of nurses and has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 13, 2026

The award may be used to:

- ◆ Further the nurse's education
- ◆ Initiate a special project
- ◆ Conduct research
- ◆ Attend a national/international conference

Award Criteria:

1. The nominee must be an advanced practice nurse, or a registered nurse enrolled in an advanced practice program.
2. The nurse nominee must have made a significant contribution to nursing or nursing scholarship
3. The nominee must currently be employed by a Hackensack Meridian *Health* Hospital.
4. The nominee must demonstrate leadership and commitment to quality of care within his/her practice.
5. An individual may nominate him/herself or may be nominated by a colleague.

Ann May Center for Nursing Awards Program

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2026 Nomination Form

DEADLINE MARCH 13, 2026

Nominee's Name _____
Academic Credentials _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____
Peoplesoft ID _____ Manager _____
Campus _____ Unit _____
Email Address _____
Name of College _____
Degree/certification _____
Name of Conference Attending _____
Nominated by _____ Email _____
Campus _____ Unit _____ Phone _____

Attach the following:

1. _____ Curriculum Vitae
2. _____ Narrative Statement not to exceed 2 pages addressing:
 - ☐ How the nominee exhibits leadership and commitment to excellence in patient care
 - ☐ Specific contributions made by nominee to the profession of nursing (For example: scholarly activities such as publication, presentations, research activities; receipt of awards; offices held in professional organizations etc.)
 - ☐ One paragraph on how the monetary award will be used:
 - Scholarship toward advanced degree
 - Expenses associated with national/international conference
 - Special nursing project
 - Research funding

Please complete the entire Gail Lawrence application and return with supporting documentation

Preferred Option: Scan completed application and supporting paperwork as one document (not as a link or shortcut) and send scanned document by email to: AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

or Mail to: **Hackensack Meridian Health
Ann May Center for Nursing and Allied Health
100 Tormee Drive, 2nd Floor
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712**

For more information email AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

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