

Tips for writing an award nomination

These prestigious awards are invaluable in recognizing the efforts of leaders in the perioperative industry; they foster a sense of community and continued motivation toward excellence.

Use these tips to help your nomination stand out from the rest!

DO:

- ✓ Familiarize yourself with the awards and your nominee's fit within the award's criteria.
- ✓ Give details and specific examples as to why your nominee should be selected. How does this person go above and beyond?
- ✓ Proofread. Grammatical errors and typos will take away from the quality of your nomination. Consider having someone review your nomination before submitting it.
- ✓ Use strong statements. For example:

Weak: "Kate is a strong leader."

Strong: "Kate consistently strives for excellence and creates a climate of continuous improvement while also mentoring other managers and staff to lead and inspire others. Last year, Kate added to her Clinical Services Directorship, the Perioperative Department. With Kate's extensive OR expertise, positive leadership, and vision, she was able to instill a guiding philosophy of excellence and evidence-based practices that raised the caliber of patient care delivery and efficiency across individual service lines and the entire department.

DON'T:

- $m{x}$ Cast too wide a net and end up saying very little, because you tried to say too much.
- **✗** List adjectives without having examples to back them up.
- 🗶 Use generic, bland, unenthusiastic language or cliché statements.

Nominations are due by August 1, 2023.

Visit www.ormanager.com/awards to submit your nomination.