



**A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc.  
2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards**

**Deadline: April 3, 2009**

**Purpose:** The A.C.N.M. Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award will honor **one** teacher in every ACNM pre-accredited/accredited education program each year. The Board of Trustees will confer the award to the candidate selected by the students in each program. One person may be selected from each program each year. The award honors excellence in teaching.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Full or part-time teacher in a program preparing CNMs/CMs. All categories of faculty that interact with students are eligible so long as they participate in the midwifery education program. Teacher may be a compensated or volunteer faculty member. Teacher may or may not be a CNM/CM. Individuals may receive the award more than once.

The following categories are examples of teachers who may meet the above criteria. Categories will vary with individual education programs.

- Academic faculty
- Clinical faculty
- Guest Lecturer
- Preceptor / Mentor

**Selection Criteria:**

Teachers nominated for this award will:

1. Demonstrate excellence in one or more of the following:
  - Academic education
  - Clinical education
  - Research
  - Clinical preceptor / Mentor
2. Contribute to a positive learning environment
3. Support and enhance basic and lifelong learning skills
4. Exemplify and/or support the highest standards of midwifery practice

### **Process of Selection:**

1. Annually, each Education Program Director will receive a packet of materials to initiate the nomination and selection process. The Education Director may initiate the process at any time before the April 3, 2009 deadline that is appropriate for their program. The recommendation is that the Education Director choose a time when the maximum number of students can participate. The Education Program Director appoints a Student Coordinator to manage the student activities in the nomination and selection process. Whenever possible, the Education Program Director is encouraged to provide the Student Coordinator with a list of the Program's educational participants to assist the students in identifying eligible individuals.
2. All students active in the CNM/CM program, full time or part time, are eligible and encouraged to participate in the nomination of the teacher. The Student Coordinator will provide each student with a copy of the eligibility and selection criteria. The Student Coordinator will identify a confidential process for nomination and conducting the nomination and selection process. Education programs with small, geographically close students may use a confidential closed session with ballots. Programs with large numbers and/or geographically diverse students may use a mail or electronic ballot system. It is emphasized that confidentiality should be maintained.
3. When the Excellence in Teaching nominee is selected by the students, the Student Coordinator completes the top part of the Excellence In Teaching Award Nomination. The Student Coordinator then gives the form to the Education Program Director. The Education Program Director may not change or alter the student selections in any way. The Education Program Director signs the form confirming that the selected teacher participates in the Education Program and that the students selected the nominee without influence of faculty.
4. The A.C.N.M. Foundation Board of Trustees will complete a final review of the selected candidates prior to the Annual Meeting.
5. The A.C.N.M. Foundation will notify the recipient, the Program Director, the Dean or other individual identified on the nomination form. Recipients will be published in *Quickening*.
6. Recipients will receive non-monetary awards including a certificate and pin. Recipients are encouraged to wear their pin in their academic/clinical setting and at all ACNM events.
7. The A.C.N.M. Foundation will maintain a Faculty Honor Roll of all Excellence in Teaching Award recipients.
8. Programs may select one teacher per year. 2009 candidate submissions must be received in the A.C.N.M. Foundation office by April 3, 2009.



## **A.C.N.M. Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award**

### **Instructions for Student Coordinator**

Thank you for agreeing to coordinate your Education Program nomination and selection for the Excellence in Teaching Award. The intent of the award is to honor individuals who have contributed to your education. This sheet will summarize your role in this process.

Please note that only nomination forms that are typed, complete, and received in the A.C.N.M. Foundation office by, April 3, 2009 will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Please read the attached statement of purpose, eligibility criteria, selection criteria and process of selection. It is the intent of the process to include ALL students in the program. Your goal is to include all your classmates in the nomination and selection process. You are encouraged to devise a process that is inclusive and simple. Remember that this is a confidential process. Please remind your classmates that the discussions you have reaching the nomination and selection should remain totally confidential. You may notify the nominee of her/his nomination or keep it confidential. When you have reached a decision on the selection, complete the nomination form and return it to your Program Director. The Program Director will verify the eligibility of the faculty member and forward the form to the A.C.N.M. Foundation. The A.C.N.M. Foundation Board of Trustees will review the final selection and confer the award.

You may use a process that works for the size and geographical area of your classmates. Mail ballots, class conference, electronic discussion and voting (so long as confidentiality can be maintained) can all be used. Please include all of your classmates. If you are in a two-year program both years of students can participate. Students must be actively enrolled in the program.

If you have any questions regarding the Excellence in Teaching Award or the process of nomination and selection, please contact the A.C.N.M. Foundation office at 240-485-1850.



**2009 A.C.N.M. Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award Nomination**

Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teacher selected for Excellence in Teaching: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name (as it will appear on Award certificate; please include any appropriate professional designations, i.e. CNM, MS, PhD, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teaching Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address of Awardee:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the qualities that make this individual an excellent teacher.  
(Limit comments to this space, 12-pt type only).

I certify that all students enrolled in this program had an opportunity to participate in the nomination of this individual.

Signed by Student Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this individual is a teacher in our program as defined in the eligibility criteria.

Signed by Program Director: \_\_\_\_\_

**MIAIL OR FAX THE COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:**

2009 A.C.N.M.F EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD  
A.C.N.M. FOUNDATION, INC.  
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(240) 485-1818 (Fax)

**ONLY APPLICATIONS THAT ARE COMPLETE AND ARRIVE AT THE  
FOUNDATION OFFICE BY U.S. MAIL OR VIA FAX BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS,  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009 WILL BE CONSIDERED**