

BECOMING A FELLOW

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ABOUT THE FAANP

- The **Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP)** program was established in **2000** with an inaugural class of **20 Fellows** and Dr. Loretta Ford as the first Honorary Fellow.
- From the outset, the program focused on **recognizing nurse practitioners (NPs)** with significant accomplishments, **advancing the NP role** and **mentoring emerging leaders**.
- Today, **FAANP** members are visionary leaders driving national and global health impact and championing priority initiatives that elevate NPs and the profession.



WHAT IT TAKES

Becoming a Fellow begins with making a **meaningful impact on the NP role** through your **outstanding contributions** and **significant accomplishments** in the areas of:

- **Clinical Practice.**
- **Research.**
- **Education.**
- **Advocacy.**



CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

Nominees must be a current U.S. or International member for **at least two consecutive years** (with no break in membership) prior to the published open call for nominations date.

American Association of Nurse Practitioners® (AANP) membership categories eligible for nomination are:

- **NP Members.**
- **International APN Members.**
- **Licensed NP Student Members.**
- **Retired NP Members.**



PROCESS TO BECOMING A FELLOW

— GETTING NOMINATED

The following process must be in place:

- Nomination must be initiated by a Fellow.
- Nominating Fellow serves as the **Primary Sponsor**.
- A second Fellow serves as the **Secondary Sponsor**.



PROCESS TO BECOMING A FELLOW

— SEEKING A SPONSOR

- Connect with Fellows from your place of employment or from regional Nurse Practitioner Organizations.
- Connect with Fellows listed on the **Becoming a Fellow** website: aanp.org/becoming-a-fellow
- Attend the annual **Meet the Fellows** event at the AANP National Conference.



PROCESS TO BECOMING A FELLOW

— ROLE OF THE SPONSORS

- **Guide the candidate** through the application process.
- **Know** the candidate's body of work.
- Each sponsor provides a **statement on one of two focus areas** in the application.
- **Ensure the evidence and data provided** by the candidate demonstrates excellence and sustainability in the respective focus area.
- Fellows may only support one candidate as **primary sponsor** and one candidate as **secondary sponsor**.



PROCESS TO BECOMING A FELLOW

— HIGHLIGHTS OF A STRONG APPLICATION



- Applicant and sponsors **present a consistent, well-aligned focus area** throughout the application.
- **Achievements and outcomes are clearly described**, specific, measurable, and demonstrate impact.
- **The application shows strong depth and breadth of NP accomplishments** with evidence of sustained growth.
- **The chosen focus area is well supported** by the provided evidence and exemplars.
- **Accomplishments are accurately represented and backed** by clear evidence of results.
- **The applicant demonstrates national or significant state-level influence** advancing the NP role and profession.



CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Applicants must provide demonstrated evidence of sustained contributions, commitment, leadership and accomplishments with measurable outcomes in their NP/APRN role **beyond** their employment responsibilities in **two focus areas**:

- **Practice.**
- **Education.**
- **Advocacy.**
- **Research.**



FOCUS AREA EXEMPLARS

— PRACTICE

- **Documented outcomes** from innovative community-based programs.
- **Entrepreneurial activities**, e.g., program development or non-traditional practice sites.
- **Demonstrated influence of professional evidence-based practice standards.**



FOCUS AREA EXEMPLARS

— EDUCATION

- National or significant **influence on NP curricula or programming.**
- Sustained impact of **educational strategy** implementation.
- Demonstrated significant **education-focused grant funding and outcomes.**



FOCUS AREA EXEMPLARS

— ADVOCACY

- Exemplary **service to professional organizations** at national level.
- **Documented outcomes from interactions** with community leaders and/or policymakers.
- Awards or recognitions for **advocacy work and/or policy expertise and contributions**.



FOCUS AREA EXEMPLARS

— RESEARCH

- Translational, outcomes and/or evaluative **research focusing on NPs** and their practice.
- **Progressive research program** sustained over time.
- Successful grant funding with **documented outcomes and dissemination**.



APPLICATION DON'TS

- Submitting content in the focus areas that is not aligned between the applicant and their sponsors.
- Providing descriptions of achievements and outcomes that lack clarity and specificity.
- Presenting accomplishments that lack depth and breadth within the NP role.
- Selecting a focus area that does not match the supporting evidence provided.
- Overstating accomplishments without offering adequate supporting evidence.
- Failing to demonstrate national influence or significant state-level contributions.
- Including exemplars that do not show outcomes beyond normal job responsibilities.
- Including exemplars that reflect outcomes outside the scope of the NP role.
- Not following the required CV template guidelines.



APPLICATION PREPARATION TIPS

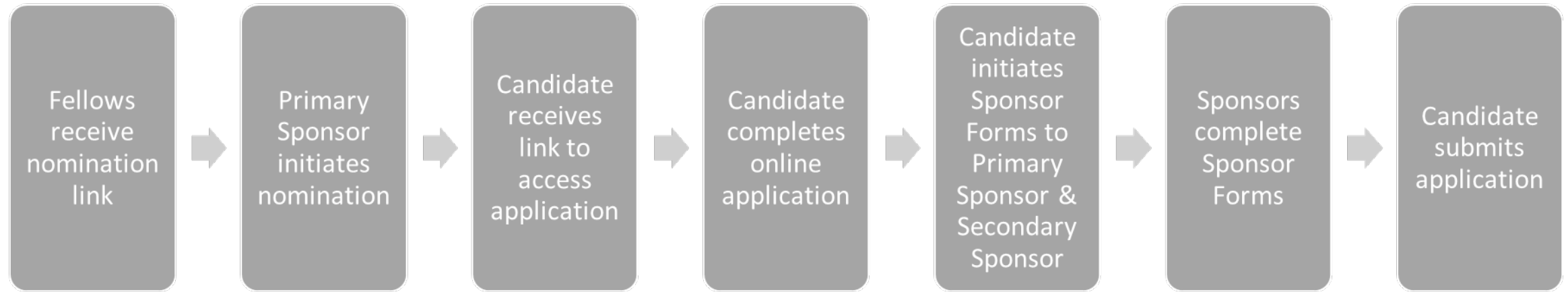
- **Follow application instructions!**
- Ensure all grammar and spelling in the application are correct.
- Ensure credentials are clear and accurate, following American Nurses Credentialing Center guidelines.
- All materials correctly reference the American **Association** of Nurse Practitioners.
- Use the required CV template in the application.
- Ensure the CV clearly supports and aligns with the evidence presented in the application.



- Stay within the CV page limit — no more than 10 pages.
- Apply American Psychological Association citation style throughout the CV.



NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS



EXPECTATIONS FOR FELLOWS

- Maintain AANP and FAANP memberships.
- Adhere to the **AANP Ethics and Business Ethics Conduct Policy**.
- **Exemplify the highest standards** of clinical practice, scholarship, leadership and professional integrity.
- **Actively support AANP** through leadership, service and engagement in FAANP initiatives.
- **Lead** in areas such as policy, research, education, clinical practice and system transformation, **using their expertise to influence meaningful change**.
- Serve as a mentor via the **AANP Mentoring Program brought to you by the AANP Fellows** to support ongoing professional growth and cultivate the pipeline of emerging NP leaders.
- **Serve as ambassadors** for the NP profession by advocating for role advancement, improved access to care, and expanded influence of NPs at local, state, national and global levels.





LOOK FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT FELLOWS OPEN NOMINATIONS IN AANP PUBLICATIONS

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