



Western Journal of Nursing Research Midwest Nursing Research Society

Sage Best Faculty Paper Award Sage Best Student Paper Award



Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding scientific manuscript contributions to WJNR by members of the Midwest Nursing Society. This annual award will be conferred to two manuscripts, one with a faculty member as first author and one with a student as first author.

The winner of each of these awards will be presented with a \$500 prize by Sage Publishing.

Eligibility:

1. First author must be a member of MNRS in good standing at the time of submission of the award application.
2. A presentation of the research must have been made in the form of a poster, paper, or symposium at a previous MNRS Annual Research Conference.
3. The award application manuscript must meet the publication guidelines of WJNR.
4. The award application manuscript must complete a competitive review for scientific merit that is consistent with the award evaluation criteria.

Timeline:

March/April 2025: Potential award recipients will be solicited from the MNRS membership through the following mechanisms: electronic communications from the Board of Directors, the Research Section Chairs, and the WJNR Advisory Board. Additional contacts may occur from these same groups at the Annual Conference.

June 1, 2025: Deadline for manuscript submission

July 1, 2025: Review of all submissions completed, and winners notified

August 1, 2025: Winners' names will be published on the MNRS website.

Fall 2025: Winning manuscripts will be scheduled to publish in the next available edition of WJNR

Evaluation Criteria:



All award submissions will be evaluated on the same criteria:

- Significance of the work
- Support for the work from literature and theoretical framework if appropriate
- Purpose/aims and hypotheses/research questions are logical extensions of the literature review and theoretical framework if appropriate
- Methods address the hypotheses/research aims
- Soundness of the methodology (e.g. attempts made to minimize internal and external validity threats)
- Analysis addresses the hypotheses/research questions
- Interpretations of analysis are appropriate
- Hypotheses/research questions are addressed in the discussion
- Conclusion includes implications for practice, theory development, and future research

Submission Checklist:

___ Submission Face Sheet

___ Manuscript must comply with the publication guidelines of WJNR

WJNR Publication Guidelines:

- <https://in.sagepub.com/en-in/sas/western-journal-of-nursing-research/journal200968#submission-guidelines>
- Title page with complete author information and acknowledgments
- Abstract
- Manuscript
- References
- Tables
- Figures

Submit all materials electronically by midnight June 1, 2025:

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Submission Materials are available at:

<https://mnrs.org/research-awards/publications/wjnr-2/>



Submission Face Sheet

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Outstanding Faculty Manuscript Award

Outstanding Student Manuscript Award

Title of Manuscript:

First Author: _____

Name: _____ Degrees: _____

The presentation is based upon work completed as a __ Faculty __ Student

Institution: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

MNRS Membership Number: _____

Second Author: _____

Name: _____ Degrees: _____

Institution: _____

Position: _____

Third Author: _____

Name: _____ Degrees: _____

Institution: _____

Position: _____

To be eligible for consideration of this award the applicant's study must have been presented previously at an MNRS Annual Research Conference. Please list the reference for the previous presentation:

I understand that if I receive this award, I may need to modify my manuscript based on the suggestions of the review committee and/or the journal's editor prior to publication. I also understand that if I choose not to comply with these recommended modifications, I may not receive the award and my manuscript may not be published in WJNR.



Signature of 1st author

Date