



## **Chris Downey Rising Star NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

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The Chris Downey Rising Star Award was established in 2025 to recognize a Canadian perioperative nurse who has been practicing for seven (7) years or less who exhibits passion and growing expertise in perioperative nursing. This award is presented at the National Conference when there is an appropriate nominee.

Chris Downey, MScN, BScN, RN, RNFA, CPN(C), who served as ORNAC Executive Director (2020-2023) and is on the ORNAC Standards Committee since 2017, is an avid learner and seeks to challenge herself. The rising star award will be awarded to a nominee who emulates the passion and enthusiasm for perioperative nursing. The nominee has effective leadership skills, has collaborated in projects and initiatives that make a positive impact to patient outcomes and to perioperative nursing and strives for personal excellence. This perioperative nurse goes above and beyond and inspires others to do the same.

The Rising Star award is open to all perioperative nurses, ORNAC membership is not required. Please include information on your nominee in the following three sections, total length not to exceed four (4) pages. Total points for each section may guide the emphasis you place in the nomination reference letters of support.

**I. YEARS OF PERIOPERATIVE EXPERIENCE (10 point)**

- 0-7 years (5 points)
- ORNAC member (5 points)

**II. EDUCATION (10 points)**

- Describe in detail all formal education, institutions attended and CNA Certification.

**III. ORNAC values**

● **Knowledge (20 points)**

- State ways in which the nominee pursues continuing education, professional development, and research as essential components to guide practice;

● **Collaboration (20 points)**

- Explain ways in which the nominee collaborates with organizations and other disciplines to inform and enhance perioperative practice, provincially and/or nationally.

● **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (20 points)**

- State ways in which the nominee fosters an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected, empowering individuals to contribute their perspectives and experiences to drive innovation and best practice.



- **Professional Accountability (20 points)**

- Give examples of how the nominee demonstrates and promotes the highest standards of organizational practices to foster trust among colleagues and clients.

Nomination form and **two (2)** letters of support must be completed by those nominating the candidate (without the knowledge of that candidate). The letters of support may follow the three nominee profile sections and should explain why the candidate is exceptional, giving specific examples of how the nominee meets each criteria.