



## Student Nurses Association of Illinois

Organized: October 21, 1950

### Fact Sheet

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Founded in 1950, the Student Nurses Association of Illinois (SNAI) is a non-profit organization for students enrolled in associate, baccalaureate and diploma nursing programs in Illinois. It is dedicated to fostering the professional development of nursing students.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Over 1,800 students from 84 schools of nursing in Illinois

#### **SNAI Vision Statement**

SNAI will be the empowering entity and guiding professional voice for the unification of all nursing students throughout Illinois. SNAI values and commits to the following:

- ~Professionalism
- ~Commitment
- ~Pride
- ~Respect
- ~Integrity

The SNAI Board of Directors supports the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) Code of Ethics adopted by the NSNA House of Delegates on April 6, 2001

#### **PUBLICATION**

Illinois Nurse – an Illinois Nurses Association (INA) publication

#### **ORGANIZATION**

The SNAI Board of Directors is composed of ten (10) nursing students elected to serve a one-year term.

The Elected Executive Consultant (EEC) is elected at the annual convention for a one-year term (without a vote). The EEC should have served on the SNAI BOD within the last 3 years, and should be a graduate or Registered Nurse.

Two consultants/advisors who are INA members provide guidance (without a vote) and are appointed by the Illinois Nurses Association (INA) Board of Directors.

## **ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Each year many Illinois nursing students gather in a city chosen by the SNAI Board of Directors to attend educational programs, exhibits, and an awards ceremony. The House of Delegates meets annually during the convention to elect SNAI Board of Director officers and to discuss issues relevant to nursing education and practice. Delegates can come from Illinois school of nursing chapters.

## **AWARDS**

The Dr. Alma J. Labunski Leadership Award and a one-year membership to INA upon graduation can be awarded to a qualified senior nursing student who is an NSNA/SNAI member. The award is presented at the annual Awards Dinner.

The Who's Who in SNAI Award can be awarded to a qualified NSNA/SNAI member. The award is presented at the annual Awards Dinner

The Community Service Award can be given to a SNAI constituent school chapter with the most original and outstanding community health project. The awardee is announced at the annual Awards Dinner.

Ticket to Success Award can be awarded to assist nursing students in financial need who show interest in joining NSNA/SNAI but lack the funds to do so. The award is offered once a year at the annual Awards Dinner.

Honorary Membership in SNAI can be given upon recommendation of the SNAI Board of Directors to a person for distinguished service to SNAI. The awardee is announced at the annual Awards Dinner.

The Sonne Scholarship Program was created through a generous bequest from the estate of Maybelle Sonne, a retired nurse, who directed the funds be used to aid those entering a career in nursing. Members in good standing of NSNA/SNAI are eligible for the Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) Sonne Scholarship. As well as funds to cover tuition or other costs encountered by the qualified student, the awardee will receive one year of free membership in INA upon graduation. The Illinois Nurses Foundation announces awardees annually.

## **DUES**

New members to NSNA/SNAI pay \$40 and renewing members pay \$45. A two-year membership is \$80.

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