



STUDENT MIDWIFE OF THE YEAR

ENTRY CRITERIA

Eligible: Any RCM member Student Midwife

Individual or team category: You can submit an entry for an individual only

Entry or nominated: Entrants can either self nominate or a nomination can be submitted by a tutor/mentor or RCM member for a colleague

Category description:

This award seeks to recognise an individual student midwife who makes an outstanding contribution to their future profession and/or the experience of other student midwives through their activism, initiative and leadership. This may be through their contribution to an innovative project, to a university midwifery society or to the Royal College of Midwives.

The judges are looking for:

- Demonstrates vision and leadership potential and commitment to midwifery
- Contributes to the improvement of the student experience while studying midwifery
- Acts as an advocate and role model for fellow students
- Contributes extra time and effort to midwifery through commitment to The Royal College of Midwives or the development of a Midwifery Society.
- Demonstrates cultural humility and a desire to learn from others in different contexts
- Evidence of commitment to sharing learning with peers and the wider UK midwifery community

Submission rules:

In order to ensure a smooth and efficient entry process we ask that you follow some simple rules:

- Your entry form **must be anonymous**. If the judges can identify your entry, it may be disqualified.
- The word count for entries is **750 words** (This includes all sections of the entry form). References are not included in this word count. If your entry does exceed this word limit, you run the risk of being disqualified.
- You must complete the official entry form. Other documents cannot be accepted.
- As part of the entry, you can supply supporting documentation. It must be supplied as one, separate document and limit it to 3 single sided A4 pages. Any additional material may not be reviewed.
- All shortlisted entrants are expected to attend an individual judging day in Central London to present their project to a panel of judges.

Please note: all entries must be submitted online via the RCM Awards website: www.rcmawards.com

***PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY NAMES OR NHS TRUST/BOARD OR UNIVERSITY NAMES ON THIS FORM. THIS ENTRY MUST BE ANONYMOUS**

PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PERSONAL QUALITIES OF THE NOMINEE – WHAT MAKES THIS PERSON SPECIAL?

PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF VISION & LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL TOGETHER WITH A COMMITMENT AND PASSION FOR MIDWIFERY

DESCRIBE HOW THE NOMINEE CONTRIBUTES TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE WHILE STUDYING MIDWIFERY

EXPLAIN HOW THE NOMINEE INSPIRES OTHER STUDENTS AND HOW THEY ACT AS AN ADVOCATE AND ROLE MODEL

EVIDENCE HOW THE NOMINEE CONTRIBUTES TIME & EFFORT TO MIDWIFERY THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MIDWIFERY SOCIETY OR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MIDWIVES

EXPLAIN HOW THE NOMINEE SHOWS CONSIDERATION TO OTHERS IN TERMS OF CULTURAL HUMILITY & A DESIRE TO LEARN TOGETHER WITH A COMMITMENT TO SHARE THAT LEARNING WITH PEERS & THE WIDER UK MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY