

DONA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS' AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

DONA International is requesting your nominations for the 5th Annual Founders Awards, named in honor of DONA International's Founders, which will be presented at the 13th Annual International Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Penny Simkin Award

This Doula Spirit and Mentorship Award honors doulas who show extraordinary doula spirit through their outstanding efforts in promoting and caring for doulas and childbearing women in their communities.

The Phyllis Klaus Award

This DONA International Award honors doulas who make outstanding efforts to have a positive impact on parent-infant bonding.

The John Kennell & Marshall Klaus Award

With the goal of improving maternal-child care, the DONA International Research Award recognizes excellence in conducting, organizing, analyzing, presenting or publishing research as it relates to the effects of doula care during birth and/or postpartum. The recipient has shown a good understanding of what constitutes doula care, and has contributed to the evidence-based body of studies, providing direction to doulas and perinatal health care providers.

The Annie Kennedy Award

This DONA International Award recognizes excellence in a doula group. The recipient group has shown the unwavering vision necessary for a group of doulas to become and remain successful, to grow, and to serve its membership. This group develops collegial relationships and works as a team providing services within its community to benefit doulas and families. This group has established a model that can be recreated successfully by other groups.

Submit 4 copies of the nominations in the form of a 200-500 word typed essay. No videos please. In addition, you must include:

- Which award you are nominating the doula/group for
- The doula's/doula group's name, address and phone number
- Your name, address and phone number
- Names and contact information of two (2) additional references

Deadline

Nominations must be submitted in writing by mail or fax (812 634 1491), and must be received by **March 31, 2007**. Incomplete or late nominations will not be considered.

Send your nominations to:

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