Guidelines for Eta Nu Chapter Recognition Awards
(Guidelines are modified from official Sigma Theta Tau International policy)

I. **Purpose of Awards and Recognitions**
    The purpose of awards is to 1) recognize outstanding students, nurses and members whose contributions to nursing fulfill the goals of Sigma, and 2) to support scholarly activities within the nursing community.

II. **Criteria**
    A. Awards for Excellence in Education
    1. An active member of Sigma Eta Nu chapter.
    2. G.P.A. (when students are involved)
    3. Demonstrates excellence in teaching.
    4. Advances the Science of nursing through clarifying, refining and/or expanding the knowledge base of nursing.
    5. Promotes a theory/research base for nursing curricula and nursing practice.
    6. Influences scholarly development in nursing education, practice, and/or research through teaching.
    7. Influences the professional practice of nursing and the public's image of nursing through excellence in teaching.

    B. Awards for Excellence in Nursing Practice
    1. An active member of Sigma Eta Nu chapter.
    2. G.P.A. (when students are involved)
    3. Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in area of nursing practice.
    4. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care.
    5. Possesses clinical expertise and attributes of a clinical scholar.
    6. Advances the scope and practice of nursing.
    7. Serves as mentor/preceptor that inspires peer's practice of nursing.
    8. Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice.
    9. Influences the practice of nursing through communication.
    10. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect nursing practice.

C. Awards for Karen H. Morin Leadership
1. An active member of Sigma Eta Nu chapter.
2. G.P.A. (when students are involved)
3. Receives local, national and/or international recognition as a nursing leader in education, practice, administration and/or research.
4. Influences leadership in nursing through visionary and innovative approaches to leadership.
5. Creates an environment that enhances the image on nursing/nurses.
6. Participants in the development of nursing leaders and leadership.

D. Awards for Aaron G. Buseh Mentorship
1. An active member of Sigma Eta Nu chapter.
2. G.P.A. (when students are involved)
3. Actively shapes and promotes the career of a nurse or the development of a chapter.
4. Freely shares our own resources for the growth and development of the individual or the chapter.
5. Maintains the mentoring relationship over time.

E. Awards for Sheryl Kelber Research
1. Everyone are eligible to apply.
2. Conducts distinguished research in nursing.
3. Communicates nursing research findings.
4. Writes scholarly works related to nursing theory and/or nursing research..
5. Gives evidence of a history of nursing research activities
6. Encourage research activities within Sigma, nursing and/or the public.

F. Awards for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Performance
1. An active member of Sigma Eta Nu chapter.
2. G.P.A.
3. Nomination statement in support of the nominee indicating how they demonstrate exceptional achievement in such areas as clinical practice, academics, creativity, research, leadership, etc. (limit to 1 page).

G. Awards for Outstanding MN/DNP/PhD Student Performance
1. An active member of Sigma Eta Nu chapter.
2. G.P.A.
3. Nomination statement in support of the nominee indicating how they demonstrate exceptional achievement in such areas as clinical practice, academics, creativity, research, leadership, etc. (limit to 1 page).

Criteria for Research Grants:

1. Ac active member of Sigma Eta Nu chapter.
2. Submit a proposal that is limited to 3 to 5 double-s[ace pages, exclusive of appendices, budget, and references.
3. Eta Nu chapter does not pay indirect costs. Costs associated with attending a conference cannot be include in the budget.
4. Expenses directly related to conducted research study may be included for the following items:
   a. Personnel (include hourly rate for personnel in justification section)
   b. Secretarial staff
   c. Typing costs (must be directly related to the research. Typing of dissertations will not be funded).
   d. Research assistants
   e. Consultants (limit to US$50 per hour)
   f. Incentive for participants
   g. Supplies
   h. Equipment (limit to U.S. $50)
   i. Computer costs (software only)
   j. Travel expenses (data collection only)
   k. Other