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| Educator Recognition Award Nominations | | Sept. 1, 2026 | Nominate your peers for an Educator Recognition award. Includes:<br>• Clinical Instructor of the Year<br>• Didactic Instructor of the Year<br>• Program Administrator of the Year | |
| EDGE Poster Presentation Submissions | | Sept. 15, 2026 | Present Your research and innovative educational approaches:<br>Share your research findings or creative, innovative techniques in anesthesiology with a general poster presentation at EDGE in Feb. | Open to CRNAs and residents. |
| Annual Congress Call for Abstracts | Aug. 27, 2026 | Sept. 24, 2026, noon CT<br><br>(Notification by Jan. 14, 2027) | Submit your abstract for consideration at AANA Annual Congress 2027, where the latest, cutting-edge clinical anesthesia knowledge will be presented. | |
| Spinal/Epidural with Obstetric Essentials Workshop | | Oct. 10–11, 2026 | | |
| Social Media Ambassador Program | Sept. 15, 2026 | Sept. 30, 2026<br><br>Term Oct. 1, 2026–Sept. 30, 2027 | Content creators! Share your journey in nurse anesthesiology, grow our profession's online community and influence, and help amplify resources and messaging. We want to increase the impact and volume of content directly from our members. | All resident members welcome to apply. |
| **AANA Foundation Grants** | | Oct. 30, 2026 | • Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Education Grant<br>• Innovation Research Grant<br>• Multi-Site Research or Evidence-Based Practice Grant | |

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| | | | • State-Academic Partnership Research Grant<br>• Research or Evidence-Based Practice Training Grant<br>• Research Program Grant<br>• Career Development Research or Evidence-Based Practice Grant<br>• Post-Doctoral Fellowship | |
| **Resident Advocate Program** | | Oct. 31, 2026 | | |
| **AANA Resident Podcast: Grade 1 View Host Application** | | Nov. 1, 2026 | Grade 1 View is the podcast for future CRNAs, by future CRNAs, sponsored by AANA and presented by Beyond the Mask. First-year student/residents who have at least 12 months left in their program as of November 1, 2025 can apply to join the host team. Grade 1 View is a twice-monthly podcast with approximately 30-minute episodes. There is a 3-4 person host team that rotates hosting duties. | All residents are welcome to submit a topic. |
| **Delegate to the Education Committee** | Sept. 17, 2026 | Dec. 13, 2026 | One delegate is elected every year at EDGE in Feb. and serves a two-year term (starting in the following member year). Delegates must be CRNAs who spend at least 50% of their time in the didactic and/or clinical instruction of nurse anesthesia students at the time of application. | |
| **National CRNA Week** | Jan. 17, 2027 | Jan. 23, 2027 | | |
| **Nominations for AANA Board and Leadership** | Jan. 5, 2027 | Feb. 12, 2027 | An individual may be nominated by a state association, by a fellow member, or self-nominate. The nominee must meet the minimum qualifications for the position and the nomination. | |
| **Resident Roundtable** | | ▪ January<br>▪ March<br>▪ May<br>▪ July | Led by residents, for residents. The Resident Roundtable is an open and judgment-free online peer-to-peer support session related to the resident experience and other topics affecting nurse anesthesiology residents. | All resident members. |

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| **AANA Fellows** | Nov. 1, 2026 | Feb. 1, 2027, at noon CST | Apply to become a Fellow of the AANA (FAANA) and celebrate your impact within the nurse anesthesiology profession. Consideration for Fellows of the AANA is open to any CRNA/nurse anesthesiologist who is an Active (including Emeritus) member of AANA with an established career in nurse anesthesiology. | Minimum 10 years professional experience and AANA membership and other criteria. |
| **AANA EDGE** | | Feb. 25-28, 2027, in Dallas, TX | EDGE is the signature AANA conference now delivering an even stronger focus on didactic education, innovation, and networking. | |
| **AANA Foundation Resident Scholarships** | mid-Jan., 2027 | Mar. 1, 2027 | AANA Foundation scholarships are available to AANA member nurse anesthesia residents currently enrolled in an accredited program. AANA Foundation received 558 competitive scholarship applications in FY26 and 101 scholarships were awarded totaling $309,250. Download the 2026 list of scholarship awardees and sponsors. | Each scholarship has different criteria. Award preference will be given to residents who have not yet received a scholarship from the Foundation. Resident members are eligible to apply only if they graduate after Mar. 1, 2026. Review the 2026 scholarships' criteria. |
| **Mid-Year Assembly Mentoring** | Jan. 15, 2026 | Mar. 8, 2026 | Each year during MYA in May, residents are given the opportunity to shadow a nurse anesthesiologist for a day, gaining firsthand knowledge about what it takes to be an active member of their professional association. | Open to resident members who consistently demonstrate leadership qualities. |
| **Resident Excellence Award** | Jan. 18, 2027 | Mar. 12, 2027 | The Resident Excellence Award is presented to a resident in good academic standing who demonstrates outstanding leadership and professionalism during their nurse anesthesia program, participates in activities that foster a positive public image of nursing, participates in activities that foster high-quality health care to consumers or engages in volunteer activities of community service or support of health care. | Resident members (must be residents at the time of the application due date) |

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| Anesthesia College Bowl at Annual Congress | Jan. 18, 2027 | Mar. 26, 2027 | Six teams of residents compete, answering questions about anesthesia that have been submitted by program directors.<br>Program administrators can nominate up to two residents to compete on the resident teams. The winning resident team faces off against a team of six CRNAs/nurse anesthesiologists to determine the ultimate winner of the College Bowl at AANA Annual Congress in Aug. | Resident members capable of answering anesthesia trivia questions written by educators. |
| Resident Advocate Program | | Mar. 31, 2026 | | |
| AANA Foundation Awards | | Deadline Apr. 1, 2026 | AANA Foundation offers awards in the areas of research, philanthropy, advocacy, and humanitarianism. | Open to CRNAs and residents. |
| Poster Presentation for Congress | | Deadline April 1, 2027 | Present Your Research and Innovative Educational Approaches:<br>Share your research findings or creative, innovative techniques in anesthesiology with an oral or general poster presentation at Annual Congress in Aug. | Open to CRNAs and residents. |
| Mid-Year Assembly | | April 16–21, 2027 in Washington, D.C. | Join us for nurse anesthesiology's largest advocacy event. Make influential new connections, take a deep dive into current legislative issues, stand united on Capitol Hill, and leave with a reinvigorated passion for our profession. | Resident discounted price |
| Resident Representative to the Education Committee | Mar. 1, 2027 | April 30, 2027 | The AANA Education Committee includes one elected Resident Representative each year. Resident candidates must submit an application, and the election occurs during Annual Congress. | All resident members |
| AANA Committees | Mar. 2026 | April 30, 2026<br>Term begins Aug. 26, 2026. | AANA members (including residents) have many options and opportunities to serve and support fellow members and the nurse anesthesiology profession overall. Join an AANA committee and play a part in creating, | All members |

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| **2027 AANA Election** | | May 2027 | Voting for the 2027 Election (Membership Year 2028) will be open online in May 2027. | Residents are not eligible to vote. |
| **AANA Foundation Grants** | | June 30, 2026 | • Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Education Grant<br>• Innovation Research Grant<br>• Multi-Site Research or Evidence-Based Practice Grant<br>• State-Academic Partnership Research Grant<br>• Research or Evidence-Based Practice Training Grant<br>• Research Program Grant<br>• Career Development Research or Evidence-Based Practice Grant<br>• Post-Doctoral Fellowship<br>• High-Priority Health Services and Policy Research Grant | |
| **2027 AANA Annual Congress** | | Aug. 8-12, 2027, in New Orleans, LA | Together with thousands of other attendees, you'll exchange valuable ideas, explore cutting-edge research, and sustain anesthesia excellence in your education, your practice, and beyond at nurse anesthesiology's largest educational event. This is your chance to fine-tune your clinical skills, amplify your knowledge, and take center stage in shaping the future of our profession (and your professional future). | Resident discounted price |
| **AANA Award nominations** | | Open various times of the year | AANA offers many awards for CRNAs, educators and residents. | Each award has different criteria, and some have a different deadline date. |
| **Wellness Ambassador Network** | | Open year-round | Wellness Ambassador Network (WAN) members are CRNA/nurse anesthesiologists and Resident volunteers who have successfully completed or renewed the Wellness Ambassador Micro-credential. This Micro-credential provides members with the necessary training and | Residents who have successfully completed the Wellness Ambassador Micro-credential. |

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| **AANA Foundation State Advocate Program** | | Application open year round | AANA Foundation State Advocates serve as a liaison between the Foundation and their state association. The role of an AANA Foundation Advocate focuses on increasing awareness of the Foundation, promoting the Foundation's programs and events, and assisting the Foundation in cultivating and soliciting donors. AANA Foundation State Advocates are CRNAs/nurse anesthesiologists who are AANA members that represent, support, and promote the efforts and activities of the AANA Foundation at the state level both philosophically and financially. | Open to all CRNA members. 1-2 advocates can represent each state. |
| **AANA Foundation Resident Advocate Program** | | Application open year round | AANA Foundation Resident Advocates serve as a liaison between the Foundation and each resident's respective nurse anesthesia program. Resident Advocates share information about the Foundation with their resident colleagues including general information, dates and deadlines for Foundation events, scholarships, and awards.<br><br>The Resident Advocate program is designed to provide residents with a mutually-beneficial relationship in which the AANA Foundation delivers mentoring, networking, and professional development opportunities. | Open to all resident members. One resident will be selected from each program. Residents will remain an advocate until they graduate. |