

NorthEast- Region (NER) Wound Ostomy and Continence Nursing (WOCN)[®] **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2019**

Welcome to the NorthEast Region (NER) WOCN[®] Scholarship program page. The Purpose of the NER – WOCN[®] Scholarship is to support individuals committed to working with patients who have, or are at risk for developing, wounds as well as persons who have a fecal or urinary diversion or incontinence.

Deadline for submission is August 1, 2019.

The WOCN[®] Society's Mission Statement

The WOCN[®] Society is a professional nursing society that supports its members by promoting educational, clinical and research opportunities to advance the practice and guide the delivery of expert healthcare to individuals with wounds, ostomies, and incontinence.

Statement of Nondiscrimination Policy

The NorthEast Region (NER) of the WOCN[®] does not discriminate among applicants on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or marital status.

Current Scholarship Criteria

In 2019, four (4) \$1,000 scholarships are available for nurses who:

- 1) Reside in the NorthEast Region (New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania)
- 2) Have been accepted to a WOCN[®]-accredited Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Education Program (WOCNEP), or
- 3) Are currently enrolled in a WOCN[®]-accredited WOCNEP program, or
- 4) Successfully completed a WOCN[®]-accredited WOCNEP program in the last 6 to 12 months.

Application Process and Considerations

A complete application consists of the following:

- 1) Applicant contact information, including place of residence.
- 2) Personal statement describing your interest in the discipline (100-150 words). If applicable, please explain contributions to the WOCN[®] discipline. For example, cite research, development of patient education material, teaching activities or other evidence that supports your commitment to the mission of WOCN[®].
- 3) A document from the WOCN[®]-accredited Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing Education Program (WOCNEP) demonstrating that the applicant meets one of the 3 WOCNEP eligibility criteria listed.
- 5) **Two** letters of recommendation from a professional associate or current employer to support applicant's commitment to the WOCN[®] profession.

- 6) Proof of National WOCN® membership in good standing and/or North East Region WOCN® membership.

Please note the following

Preference will be given to full scope of WOCN® practice applicants. The application submission deadline is **August 1, 2019**. Winners will be announced at the NER WOCN® Regional Fall Conference. Winners will be required to submit a photograph and a 150-200-word essay/statement describing their past, current, or future contributions to the WOCN® Nursing Specialty Practice. By submitting the application, the applicant is providing written permission for the NER WOCN® to place the previously submitted essay and photo on the Scholarship Winners page of the NER WOCN® website.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

Scholarship Committee Process

All scholarship applications received on or before August 1, 2019 will be reviewed for eligibility (e.g., residency) and completeness by the NER WOCN® Committee Chair. The applications will be distributed to the Scholarship Committee after all information potentially identifying the nominee has been redacted for an impartial blind vote by the Scholarship committee members. The scoring for each applicant will be completed by residents of another state in the NER. For example, if the applicant resides in New Jersey, the application will be reviewed by committee members living in New York and/or Pennsylvania.

Applications will be submitted online to www.ner-wocn.org link - NER Scholarship.

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