

NER WOCN® 2023 Advanced Nursing Education Program

Scholarship Criteria and Application-2023

The North-East Region (NER) of the WOCN® Society is proud to offer an advanced education scholarship for current Certified Wound Ostomy and/or Continence Nurses interested in obtaining a master's degree in Nursing, Doctoral Degree, Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification. Scholarship applications are accepted once a year.

Deadline for submission is September 1, 2023.

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 North- East Region (NER) of the WOCN® does not discriminate among applicants based on age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or marital status.

Scholarship Criteria

In 2023, one (1) nurse will be eligible to receive a \$2000 advanced nursing scholarship if they are:

- 1) A **current active member** in good standing of the North-East Region of the WOCN® Society
- 2) Employed within the North-East Region in the clinical practice of wound, ostomy, continence, or foot care nursing.
- 3) Seeking a Master's or Doctoral degree or NP/CNS Certificate.
- 4) Able to provide proof of current enrollment in an accredited university/program or completion in the past 3 - 6 months.
- 5) Certified by the WOCNCB® in one of the following: Wound, Ostomy, Continence and/or Foot Care
- 6) Able to provide a satisfactory letter of recommendation from a professional associate who has known the applicant for at least one year (a current employer or colleague is preferred). Please include contact information.
- 7) Not a previous recipient of a scholarship from the NER of the WOCN® Society in the past 3 years.
- 8) Please note that full scope (Wound, Ostomy, and Continence certified) will be given preference in the event of a tie.

Upon submission of your application, the following items must be sent to the NER WOCN® by September 1, 2023. IF ALL ITEMS ARE NOT RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE, THE APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED:

A complete application consists of the following

- 1) Applicants contact information, including place of residence, phone number and email.
- 2) Personal statement describing your interest in graduate school and any contributions to the WOCN® Society at the National, Regional, or Affiliate level (one to two pages). Please include any participation in

professional WOC organizations, development of educational programs or projects, publications, posters, presentations, research and/or any teaching activities or precepting related to the WOCN® discipline.

- 3) A document from the accredited nursing program or university with proof of current enrollment or graduation (past 3 – 6 months).
- 4) Proof of employment as a WOC nurse.
- 5) A satisfactory letter of recommendation from professional associate who has known the applicant for at least one year.
- 6) Proof of National WOCN® membership in good standing and NorthEast Region WOCN® membership.

Scholarship Committee Process

Please note the following:

Preference will be given to full scope of WOCN® nurses. The application submission deadline is September 1, 2023. Winners are announced at the NER WOCN® Regional Fall Conference. Winners will be required to submit a photograph. An excerpt from the submitted personal statement will be published on the NER WOCN® website and on screen at the regional conference. By submitting the application, the applicant is providing permission for the NER WOCN® to do so.

Scholarship applications received on or before September 1, 2023, will be reviewed for eligibility 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 region. 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 to Emilee Bartolo emileebartolo@yahoo.com.

Current NER Board members including the Scholarship Committee members are not eligible for this award