

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

APPLICATION - 2023

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

Current Scholarship Criteria

In 2023, two (2) \$2,000 scholarships are available for nurses who:

- 1) Reside in the NER (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.
- 5) Have not previously been awarded an NER scholarship in the past three years

Application Process and Considerations

A complete application consists of the following:

- 1) Applicants contact information, including place of residence, phone number and email.
- 2) Personal statement. Please write a one- to two-page personal statement that addresses the following:
 - a. History of your interest in the discipline and focus (e.g., wounds, ostomy, continence, or tri-specialty).
 - b. Your current position / professional responsibilities
 - c. How your background and experience would contribute to caring for diverse patient populations.
 - d. Past or current contributions to the WOCN[®] discipline (if applicable).
 - e. Future goals, plans for future contributions.
 - f. How and why this scholarship would help you achieve your professional goals.
- 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.
- 6) **Two** letters of recommendation from a professional associate or current employer to support applicant's commitment to the WOCN[®] profession. Please include contact information.

7) Proof of National WOCN® membership in good standing and/or NorthEast Region WOCN® membership.

Please note the following:

Preference will be given to full scope of WOCN® practice applicants. 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.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

Scholarship Committee Process

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.