

# **North East Chapter of the Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN)<sup>®</sup> WOCNEP**

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS- 2024**

Welcome to the North East Chapter of the WOCN<sup>®</sup> Society Scholarship program page. The Purpose of the NER – WOCN<sup>®</sup> 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 continence needs.

**Deadline for submission is September 1, 2024**

### ***The WOCN<sup>®</sup> Society's Mission Statement***

The WOCN<sup>®</sup> 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 continence needs.

### ***Statement of Nondiscrimination Policy***

The North East Chapter does not discriminate among applicants based on age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or marital status.

### ***Current Scholarship Criteria***

In 2024, two (2) \$2,000 scholarships are available for nurses who:

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

### ***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:  
History of your interest in the discipline and focus (e.g., wounds, ostomy, continence, or tri-specialty).  
Your current position / professional responsibilities  
How your background and experience would contribute to caring for diverse patient populations.
  - a. Past or current contributions to the WOCN<sup>®</sup> discipline (if applicable), plans for future contributions.
  - b. How and why this scholarship would help you achieve your professional goals.
- 3) A document from the WOCN<sup>®</sup>-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<sup>®</sup> profession.
- 6) Proof of National WOCN<sup>®</sup> membership in good standing and/or North East Chapter membership.

***Please note the following:***

Preference will be given to full scope of WOCN® practice applicants. The application submission deadline is **September 1, 2024**. Winners are announced at the North East Chapter Fall Conference. Winners must submit a photograph. An excerpt from the submitted personal statement will be published on the North East Chapter website and on screen at the Chapter conference. By submitting the application, the applicant is providing permission for the North East Chapter to do so.

***NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE.***

***Scholarship Committee Process***

Scholarship applications received on or before September 1, 2024 will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness by the 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](mailto:emileebartolo@yahoo.com).

Current North East Chapter Board members including the Scholarship Committee members are not eligible for this award.