



WOCN Accredited Nursing Education Program Scholarship Application

PREFACE

Because of the awareness of the growing need for WOC nurses throughout the world and a strong belief in the continued growth and success of WOC nursing, the WOCN awards educational scholarships. The partial scholarships are made possible through contributions from wound, ostomy and continence product manufacturers, private and public donations, endowments and regions and affiliates which comprise the WOCN.

Scholarships are awarded to deserving individuals committed to working within the wound, ostomy and continence nursing specialty. Applicants agree to support the WOCN philosophy and scope of practice.

The WOCN Philosophy

The WOCN believes that nursing as a profession enhances health care services to a multifaceted society and includes prevention, health maintenance, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation. WOC Nursing, wound, ostomy and continence care, are areas of specialty practice within the framework of nursing that strive to advance the health care and quality of life of all affected individuals.

The WOCN believes that continuing education and research provide the basis for current, comprehensive nursing practice for patients with wounds, ostomies and incontinence. Learning may occur on a basic, advanced or continuing educational level and combines the acquisition of theoretical knowledge and clinical expertise. The WOCN provides and approves quality continuing education for its members and for other health care professionals in order to enhance and improve WOC Nursing, wound, ostomy and incontinence nursing practice.

By the process of accreditation, the WOCN promotes high standards of education and requires a baccalaureate degree with a nursing major or an equivalent as the entry level for WOC Nursing Education Programs and for Specialty Education Programs in wound, ostomy or continence management.

Statement of Nondiscrimination Policy

The WOCN does not discriminate among applicants on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or marital status.



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Seeking education in wound, ostomy and continence nursing care.
2. Proof of one of the following:
 - Acceptance in a WOCN accredited WOC Education Program
 - Current enrollment in a WOCN accredited WOC Education Program
 - Certificate of completion from a WOCN accredited WOC Education Program within 3 months of completion.

CHECK LIST

This check list of **mandatory** components is provided for your convenience.

Submit 4 copies of your application in the following order:

- completed, legible application (incomplete or illegible application will not be considered)
- signed consent forms
- acceptance letter, proof of current enrollment or certificate of completion from a WOCN accredited WOC Education Program
- three letters of recommendation

Application must be received at the WOCN National Office by November 1st or May 1st. The WOCN Scholarship Committee will review completed legible applications. A written response can be expected within 8 weeks of the deadline for submission.

NOTE: To ensure receipt of documents by the WOCN National Office, send your application via a traceable method such as mail return receipt requested, UPS or Federal Express. It is advisable that you keep a copy of your completed application packet.



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GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Please give this form to those individuals from whom you have requested a letter of recommendation.

The WOCN Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to deserving individuals committed to working within the wound, ostomy and continence specialty. You have been identified by this applicant to provide a letter of recommendation for a financial award.

It would be helpful if you could speak to the utilization of this applicant's WOC education and the patient population to be served in your community. Please address any of the following attributes to assist the committee in the evaluation of this applicant.

- professionalism
- commitment
- communication skills
- problem solving skills
- leadership ability
- critical thinking ability

Thank you,

The WOCN Scholarship Committee



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11. What are your Nursing Education Program costs and reimbursements?

Costs		Reimbursement	
Airfare	\$ _____	Airfare	\$ _____
Mileage*	\$ _____	Mileage*	\$ _____
Tuition	\$ _____	Tuition	\$ _____
Books	\$ _____	Books	\$ _____
Room/Lodging	\$ _____	Room/Lodging	\$ _____
Meals **	\$ _____	Meals **	\$ _____
Proctor/Preceptor	\$ _____	Proctor/Preceptor	\$ _____
Copying/Postage	\$ _____	Copying/Postage	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____

* calculate using current federal mileage rate

** while living away from home - not to exceed \$20/day



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B. Nursing Practice Demographic Information

14. What is the anticipated number of hours per week that will be spent meeting the needs of people with wounds, ostomies or incontinence? _____

15. What will be your employment status upon completion of your education program?

a. Practice setting (acute care, home care, etc.) _____

b. Will your primary care responsibilities be within the scope of WOC nursing? _____

Yes

No

Please explain: _____

c. If not currently employed, how do you plan to incorporate WOC nursing into your practice?



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C. Professional Work Credentials/Experience

16. Employment history (begin with most recent)

Employer: _____
Name City/State Dates

Position Description: _____

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17. Educational Background

Institution City/State Date Graduated Degree

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18. List the professional/community organizations to which you belong.
(include offices held and committee participation)

19. List the professional journals to which you subscribe or read regularly.

20. List your professional awards or honors.



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21. List continuing education you have taken related to WOC nursing before beginning your program.

22. Identify personal strengths that will enhance your role as a WOC nurse.

23. Provide specific reasons for wanting to be a WOC nurse.



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24. Write a brief statement of your long-term career goals.

25. I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate representation of data and my activities and accomplishments.

Signature

Date



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AGREEMENT FORMS

Consent for Name Release

The WOCN may use your name during the scholarship application process. Examples of this may include contacting the Director of the WOC Nursing Education Program to which you have applied; sharing your application with other Scholarship Committee members for review; and checking references to determine your eligibility. Please sign this consent form. All information will be kept confidential.

I, _____, hereby give permission for the release of my name and address to determine my scholarship eligibility during the review process and, in the event that I am awarded a scholarship, my name may appear in the *Journal of WOCN*, *WOCNews*, and press releases.

Signature

Date

Scholarship Agreement Form

I, _____, hereby agree to the policy established by the WOCN Scholarship Committee. In the event I am unable to attend the WOCN accredited Education Program within one year of receipt of a scholarship, all monies heretofore accepted by me will be forfeited and returned to the WOCN Foundation, 4700 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025. Should I be selected as a recipient, I will join WOCN if not currently a member.

Signature

Date