

# UOAA EDUCATIONAL AWARD FOR OSTOMY NURSE CERTIFICATION

**UOAA's Educational Award for Ostomy Nurse Certification in the amount of \$3000.00 shall be awarded annually (pending funding availability) to one nurse.**

Award will provide funding to offset expenses of the required education associated with certification for a Certified Ostomy Care Nurse (COCN®) or specialty in Ostomy Advanced Practice Certification (COCN-AP®) through an accredited Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Education Program.

The Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification Board (WOCNCB®) will provide a complimentary application exam fee (value \$395) to the scholarship winner.

Funding will be provided after completion of coursework and successful passing of exam.



## Administration of the Award:

United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc. (UOAA) will administer this award. Applications will be reviewed and UOAA will select recipients.

## Eligibility:

- Must be a US Citizen
- Become a National Medical Professional member of UOAA (must be verified)

## How to Apply:

1. Applicants must submit the application with the following 2 essays (in 600 words or less for each):

- Describe an idea of how UOAA could make the most impact within the ostomy community. Briefly describe how this could be carried out.
- What is your motivation for becoming certified in ostomy care and how do you plan to contribute to the field with this knowledge? Include any personal goals, beliefs or aspirations you might have in this regard.

*All essay answers become the property of UOAA and may be published in any UOAA material or used in other ways.*

2. Provide a photo and short story of your nursing background and give permission for these to be published in *The Phoenix* magazine and/or UOAA's website.

3. References: Please submit at least two (2) letters of recommendation from people who are not members of your immediate family, and who can comment about your personal and professional qualities.

4. All applications must be submitted by email to [advocacy@ostomy.org](mailto:advocacy@ostomy.org) with "Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

**5. Application period opens in January and applications must be received by June 30th.**

6. Award presentation will take place during UOAA's biennial National Conference. (During non-conference years, recipients will be notified on Ostomy Awareness Day, which is the first Saturday in October.)

7. Winners do not need to be present for award.

**8. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

9. A scholarship may only be awarded once to a recipient.

10. Award funds will be mailed to the recipient AFTER providing receipt from course and verified successful passing exam. Winners will have 3 years to complete; otherwise funds will be forfeited.

