



UOAA Educational Award for Ostomy Nurse Certification Application

Please read all directions carefully. The UOAA Educational Award for Ostomy Nurse Certification sponsored by United Ostomy Association of America (UOAA) is a scholarship award intended to help increase access to a certified ostomy care nurse (COCN) or a nurse with ostomy Advanced Practice certification (COCN-AP®) in the United States to improve ostomy care and encourage more RNs to pursue a career as a nurse specialized in ostomy care. This scholarship in the amount of \$3000.00 shall be awarded annually (pending funding availability) to one nurse. Award would provide funding to offset expenses of the required education associated with certification for a Certified Ostomy Care Nurse (COCN®) 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 would be provided after completion of coursework and successful passing of the exam.*

This COMPLETED Application Form is required for consideration. If a submitted application is missing any information or additional required documents, it will NOT be reviewed. No exceptions*

Name of Applicant: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

1. Is a US citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Is a current UOAA National Medical Professional member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. 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. ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Please submit at least two (2) letters of recommendation from people who are not members of your immediate family, and who can comment about **BOTH** your personal and professional qualities. ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Describe an idea of how UOAA could make the most impact within the ostomy community. Briefly describe how this could be carried out. (600 words or less)

6. 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. (600 words or less)

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

Winners will have 3 years to complete certification; otherwise funds will be forfeited. Award funds will be mailed to the recipient AFTER proof of completion of certification in ostomy through the WOCN Certification Board with receipts from course and successful passing of the exam.

Signature:_____ Date submitted:_____

Additional pages may be attached.

REMINDER INCOMPLETE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIES A CANDIDATE FROM CONSIDERATION.