Advance Your Career Through Awards, Grants, and Scholarships

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ONS Foundation What We Fund

• Academic Scholarships
• Career Development Awards
• Research Funding
• Project Funding

Academic Scholarships

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BSN Academic Scholarships

Three levels
  • Individuals in school and not currently a nurse
  • Individuals with a college degree in another field
  • Individuals with a current RN license (diploma or associates degree)

MSN Academic Scholarships

Two levels
  • Individuals with a current RN license
  • Individuals with a bachelors in another field
## Career Development Awards

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### Project Funding

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<td>Cancer Public Education Projects</td>
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### ONS Chapter Funding

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<td>Leadership Weekend Scholarships – Sandy Purl</td>
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<td>Breast Cancer Community Education</td>
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Award Process

• View grant availability and criteria on ONS Foundation website
• Create GrantMaker ID and login to open application
• Complete and submit online application following instructions located within GrantMaker
My Application List

- Log In
  - Edit an application that has not yet been submitted to the Grant Provider for review.
  - Perform basic validation of an application. This must be done successfully before an application may be submitted to the Grant Provider.
  - Submit the completed application to the Grant Provider. Successful validation must be performed before an application may be submitted. This action may not be undone. Once an application is submitted, it cannot be edited via the same ability.
  - View an application which has been successfully submitted to the Grant Provider. The application is displayed in a printer-friendly format and may be printed from this screen.

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Application

Our Mission: to support oncology nursing to improve the lives of people with or at risk for cancer.

Congress Scholarship

All awards, grants and scholarships are tentative and subject to change based on funding availability.

Supported by ONS Foundation Nancy Bleecker Scholarship Fund

PURPOSE:
To support a professional nurse interested in improving cancer care by developing their personal knowledge as a result of attending the ONS Congress and sharing the new knowledge with others.

SCHOLARSHIP:
Recipients will receive an educational grant for up to $2,000 to apply toward ONS Congress registration, travel to and from Congress and per diem Congress expenses. The Congress registration fee will automatically be deducted from the grant prior to payment.

Individuals living or working within a 50 mile radius of the conference location are eligible to receive the conference registration fee only. The Congress registration fee will be paid directly to ONS.

One scholarship is available to nurses in the Connecticut Tri-State area with preference given to members of the ONS Connecticut Tri-State area.

NOTE: An individual cannot receive this scholarship more than one time.

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. The applicant must be a registered nurse enrolled in cancer nursing.
2. The applicant must be able to attend ONS Congress in its entirety for the scholarship. Nurses must agree to attend the 2017 ONS Congress in its entirety, May 4, 2017 (opening ceremonies 7:45 a.m.) thru May 7, 2017 (final session concludes at 10:05 a.m.).
3. The applicant must demonstrate key attendance at the ONS Congress will make a difference in their nursing practice.
4. Essays describing the applicant’s current role in cancer nursing, their attendance at Congress will improve your practice, and how you plan to utilize and disseminate information obtained from attending Congress to improve cancer care. Essays is not to exceed 350 words - word count must be inserted at the end of the essay or application is not eligible.
5. Resume (2 page max)

Application Deadline: December 1, 2016
Application

Review Process

• Staff review of basics
• Review Team utilizing a set Score Tool
• Team Lead Final Review
• Recommendations to the ONS Foundation Board
You be the reviewer

Application and Scoring

Essay
Describe your current role in cancer nursing and how attendance at the ONS Congress will improve your practice.

Score Tool
1. Applicant's ability to clearly articulate the description of their role in cancer nursing.
2. The likelihood that Congress will provide the education to improve the applicant's nursing practice.
## Application Essay

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<td>Provide a detailed description on how you plan to <strong>utilize and disseminate</strong> information you obtain from attending Congress to <strong>improve cancer care</strong>.</td>
<td>1. Applicant's plan to disseminate information obtained at Congress (detailed, clear, realistic and achievable).&lt;br&gt;2. The likelihood to which the applicant's dissemination plan will improve cancer care.</td>
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## Essay Example 1

In the ever-changing world of Oncology, it is vital that nurses in the field are abreast of the most recent medicine and treatments available for use. By going to Congress, I am afforded the opportunity to be informed of these avenues in the field of Oncology. As the **only nurse in my office**, it is difficult for this type of information to be given to me as it changes. That is why I strive to make it to ONS Congress each and every year, so as to learn this new information and then return to my office to be able to **pass it along to my patients**.

- Role in cancer nursing
- Improve their practice
- Dissemination plan
- Improve Cancer care
Essay Example 2

As the Clinical Educator for nursing staff at an outpatient cancer center, I am responsible for assisting 133 staff in maintaining nursing competencies and supporting their continued professional development. I also organize and oversee all new hires during orientation. In addition I serve as clinical ladder advisor for both our nursing and medical assistant clinical ladders. The staff I work with care for patients with all types of cancers and also include our radiation oncology and treatment center teams, therefore it is important that I myself am current on the latest oncology evidence based information. The information I obtain from attending Congress will help me to be up to date and directly impact the staff I work with who may not be able to attend Congress.
Essay (part 2)

I plan to use the information I gather during Congress to help guide the content of the monthly education program I coordinate in our cancer center. This program is open to all nursing staff, including medical assistants and nursing care assistants, and serves as a way to share evidence based information in a convenient one hour format. As Clinical Educator I attend all of our area staff meetings. I plan to create a presentation for each specific clinic that will recap the highlights from Congress pertinent to the patient population they serve. In addition, as an advisor for the clinical ladder I help nurses applying for Clinical Nurse IV status in developing, implementing and evaluating an outcomes project. The information I gather from Congress will help me understand where the current gaps in practice are and I can use this information to assist nurses advancing the ladder who focus their outcomes projects on these topics.

Essay (part 3)

By utilizing the above plan I will impact patient care by helping to improve the knowledge of the staff who care for our patients day in and day out. With information on the latest findings in oncology nursing they in turn will be able to evaluate their current practice to ensure it is grounded in the latest evidence based findings in order to provide exceptional care.
Full Essay

Attendance to the ONS Congress will improve my practice by learning to provide the most up-to-date evidence based practice for my patients. I will be able to share this knowledge with my co-worker to assure our patients are receiving the best possible care.

Essay Excerpt

I would like to take this opportunity to renew my enthusiasm for the world of oncology nursing that drew me in over 30 years ago. …I hope to be able to share this with my peers after attending congress.
**Tips**

- Review application instructions before applying
- Make sure you meet all the criteria
- Answer all questions – each part – be specific
- Complete, save, validate and submit
- When in doubt, call the ONS Foundation

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**Academic Tips**

- Choose the correct application-unsure – contact us.
- Review the criteria.
- Review what is needed for completion.
- Don’t submit too early, you may have additional information to add.
Academic Tips

• Provide enough information
• Provide accurate information
• Answer the questions – do not copy and paste portions of the school handbook
• Please don’t include your dissertation project and 500 references.

Career Development Tips

• Provide enough information
• Provide accurate information
Public Education Project Tips

• Review the criteria
  – New projects that have not started
  – If it is research study, it belongs in the research grant category not project funding
  – Not patient education
  – Institutional projects, not a priority, go beyond your institution.

Public Education Project Tips

Project Proposal
• Purpose
• Target Audience and anticipated participants (needs assessment)
• Program Description
• Co-operative efforts
• Evaluating
• Timeline
• Budget
Funding Areas Being Considered

• Early Career Education
• Clinical Projects

Other Funders

• American Cancer Society (cancer.org)
• National Institute for Nursing Research (ninr.nih.gov)
Volunteer Reviewers Needed

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