

## **SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES**

**DID YOU ALL KNOW** that one of the guiding principles of the AACN is to keep our members up to date on the latest information in healthcare? National AACN Scholarship programs are often augmented by industry and of course these grants are offered on a grander scale to all 100,000 members nationally. With our healthcare Information Highway running faster every year, our chapter began our own Scholarship Program many years ago. We have devised a merit-based Application Form to make the selection of awardees fair and impartial. It is based on # years one has been a member of AACN, #years as a chapter member, what committees and offices were held and how many activities were supported. Each of these added points to ones application. When more members apply for Scholarships than we can afford, those with the highest points get grants first. The program is limited so each candidate can not apply more often than every 3 years, to be fair to everyone. Newcomers to the chapter need to acquire enough points to compete. Extra points can be gained by attending chapter activities, assisting and being a Chairperson as well if writing an article for the bulletin. This provides merit-based grants and promotes more active membership.

National has Symposiums with 8000 to 10,000 members attending from all over America. We usually need to fly to these cities and in addition to a Registration Fee, transportation and Lodging can become fairly expensive. In addition to our Spring and Fall Symposiums every year and hosting CCRN classes and others, we have been able to offer small stipends as a perk to all Board members attending an NTI. As a non-profit organization, we have been so successful in our endeavors we now have some money to re-energize our Scholarship Program. It was in hibernation for at least a decade or more. We are now in a position to re-focus our attention on one of our founding principles: promoting education and new ideas for our hardworking members. Please see attached for an application. In order to ensure a fair and impartial consideration, Merit Sheets are presented anonymously to the Board for consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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