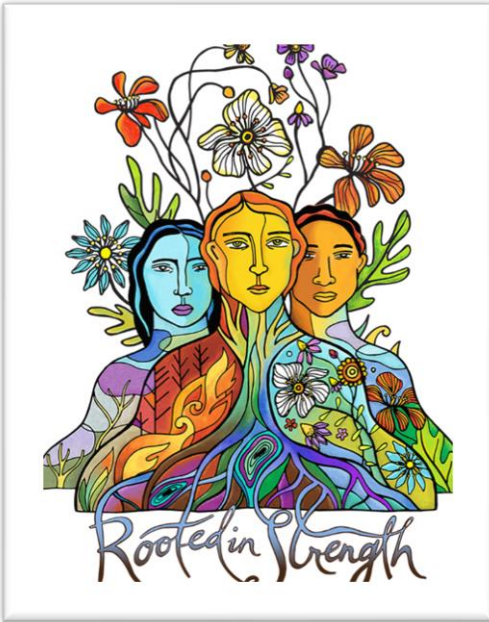


First Time NTI Attendee Scholarship



The First Time NTI Attendee Experience

There is an overwhelming anticipation that builds for the first time NTI attendee. It starts when you register and continues to build as you make your travel arrangements. An eager anxiety starts as you realize that your countdown to NTI is creeping closer. But as a member of GRAFL, you're reassured because you know your peers in this organization will also be joining you and hosting a GRAFL evening out.

Then the day comes! You've arrived at the airport in the NTI host city, and the excitement buzzes all around you as nurses from all over converge to celebrate our amazing profession! The convention center welcomes you with posters, decorations, and volunteers. For the next few days, you'll make new friends, learn about inspirational

interventions led by nurses, and validate your own amazing practice. By the end of the conference, you're sad to leave but inspired and determined to share what you learned. This scholarship was created to celebrate the nurse who wants to continue their professional development by attending NTI for the first time.

Purpose:

This annual scholarship recognizes the nurses of Greater Rochester Area Finger Lakes Chapter of the AACN who:

- Want to attend NTI for the first time

Eligibility:

Applicants:

- Must be current in both GRAFL and national AACN memberships
- Must not have previously attended any NTI conference

Submission criteria:

- Complete submission application
- Submit an essay addressing the following:
 - Describe your view of the AACN President's Theme
 - Why is this theme important and relevant to you
 - Cite a minimum of 3 examples of how the theme relates to your practice
 - Max word count of 2000 words

AACN President Beth Wathen's Theme for 2021-2022: Rooted in Strength

- "Nurses are rooted in strength, forged in fire and growing in power. Rooted in Strength we create our new path forward as leaders in healthcare."
- Check out the website for more information: <https://www.aacn.org/aacn-theme>

The scholarship:

- Each recipient will receive up to \$1000 reimbursement for expenses incurred while attending NTI
- Winners will be reimbursed after attending the conference
- Up to two (2) winners will be chosen
- Winners will be announced at the February GRAFL meeting and celebrated at the Linkages