



## ***2025 AAOHN Foundation Liberty Academic Scholarship Application***

The **AAOHN Foundation** was established in 1997 to advance the health, safety and well-being of workers, worker populations, and communities through the development of innovative research, education, training solutions, and leadership development. One way in which this purpose is accomplished is by advancing knowledge in occupational and environmental health through the awarding of grants and scholarships to occupational and environmental health professionals to support ongoing education and research.

***Scholarship Eligibility:*** *Current AAOHN Foundation Board of Trustees, AAOHN Board of Directors and their relatives are not eligible for Scholarships.*

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# AAOHN Foundation Liberty Academic Studies Scholarship

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**Purpose** - To award a licensed occupational and environmental health nurse, dedicated to advancing their academic studies, to better support the health and safety of workers and workplaces while ensuring the longevity of the occupational health nursing profession. This scholarship is funded by AAOHN Fellows and Members in honor and memory of the nurses who lost their lives as a result of the September 11, 2001 event.

**Funds Awarded:**        **\$1,500 — two awards**

Funds are to be applied to support advancement of academic education within the field of occupational and environmental health nursing (OEHN). Priority will be given to applicants who are currently pursuing academic studies within the field of OEHN, particularly those enrolled in or conducting research in affiliation with one of the [18 Education and Research Centers \(ERC's\)](#). Submit a program brochure, link to academic program, and description of academic program, research, or training, or documentation of enrollment status.

**Eligibility Criteria** – Candidates must be a licensed nurse actively working in the field of OEHN and demonstrate an interest in, and commitment to, occupational and environmental health. Minimum one-year AAOHN membership is required.

**Selection Criteria** – Two letters of endorsement must accompany the candidate application: one letter from a nurse colleague and one letter from direct supervisor/manager/faculty. Each letter should not exceed one (1) page. Submit a narrative, which addresses each of the criteria listed below. Narrative responses should not exceed four (4) 8½ x 11” pages (typewritten, double-spaced, single-sided with 1” margins using 12-point font). For all acronyms, provide the full name of organization or program upon first use.

Submissions will be judged based on a 100-point system. Each section indicates the maximum number of points the candidate can earn based upon the content submitted. The following factors will be considered in the selection process:

- 30 points    Applicant's career and professional goals: describe goals as they pertain to applicant's professional/academic development and continued competence or commitment to occupational and environmental health nursing
- 30 points    Developing skills: describe how this educational activity will further applicant's goals and impact career in occupational and environmental health nursing (extra consideration provided if currently enrolled in a nationally accredited school of nursing or occupational health nursing program)
- 15 points    Evidence of commitment to professional, educational, and leadership development (extra consideration provided if active engagement in AAOHN professional nursing organization is demonstrated).
- 15 points    Demonstrated need for financial support
- 10 points    Letters of support: submit letter(s) of support from supervisor/manager/faculty and a nurse colleague

At the end of the academic education program, the recipient must submit a copy of the certificate of completion, degree, certificate, or transcript reflecting completion of educational course(s). Also required is a short report, 500 words or less, that shares an example of how knowledge learned through the educational programs attended resulted in a positive impact on worker health and safety. Reports may be published on the AAOHN website and may be used in other AAOHN publication(s).

**Reports are due within 3 months of program completion.** Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for a scholarship the following year but may reapply in subsequent years, up to a maximum of two additional years (three years total).

# AAOHN FOUNDATION LIBERTY ACADEMIC STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name & Credentials:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zipcode:

Phone:

E-mail:

List all chapters to which you belong:

Membership number:

Member since:

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Indicate the academic program for which you are submitting an application:**

☐ Liberty Academic Scholarship

Please specify degree program: ☐ Undergraduate Degree ☐ Masters' Degree ☐ Doctorate Degree

**Note: A separate application & submission required if applying for more than one scholarship.**

PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND NOT FORWARDED FOR REVIEW.

ALL SUPPORT MATERIALS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION.

It is the applicant's responsibility to perform a quantitative review of all application materials and copies submitted

- ☐ Narrative addressing selection criteria (not to exceed 4 pages, double-spaced, w/ 1-inch margins, 12 point font)
- ☐ Letter(s) of recommendation/support, submitted with application
- ☐ Resume indicating experience within the field of occupational and environmental health nursing
- ☐ Documentation of enrollment status, program brochure, or link to academic program/description
- ☐ Application Form

## **Application Deadline**

Complete application form with narrative documents must be **emailed** to [aaohnfoundationhq@gmail.com](mailto:aaohnfoundationhq@gmail.com) on or before **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025** (please using file naming format: lastname-firstname-2025-libertyscholarship).

An e-mail confirmation of receipt will be sent to each applicant. If you do not receive an email confirmation within two business days of submission, please contact Catherine Pepler at [aaohnfoundationhq@gmail.com](mailto:aaohnfoundationhq@gmail.com) or by phone 603-361-0362. AAOHN Foundation will notify all applicants of results via e-mail.

**Applications submitted after the deadline or not in accordance with the guidelines will not be accepted.**