

PREMISE HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose - To recognize and support a registered nurse (RN) or nurse practitioner (NP) who exemplifies professional engagement and dedication to the field of occupational health nursing. This award is intended to honor individuals who have taken a significant step in advancing their expertise and commitment by achieving board certification through the American Board for Occupational Health Nurses (ABOHN), attending the AAOHN National Conference, and being an active member of AAOHN. By earning this nationally recognized credential and attending the AAOHN National Conference, the recipient demonstrates excellence, leadership, and a strong commitment to promoting the health, safety, and well-being of the workforce. This scholarship aims to encourage continued professional development and to foster a community of certified occupational health nurses to elevate the standards of practice within the profession.

Funds Awarded: \$2,500

Funds are to be applied to offset costs already incurred to become a certified occupational health nurse (COHN/COHN-S), maintain membership with AAOHN, and attend the AAOHN National Conference.

Eligibility Criteria – Candidates must: 1. Be a licensed registered nurse or nurse practitioner, 2. Be a current member of AAOHN, 3. Have passed the board certification exam (ABOHN) for the COHN/COHN-S credential for the first time in the past 5 calendar years, and 4. Have attended at least one AAOHN National Conference in person or virtually.

Selection Criteria – **Two letters of endorsement** must accompany the candidate application: one letter from a nurse colleague and one letter from direct supervisor/manager. Each endorsement letter should not exceed one (1) page. Submit **proof of COHN/COHN-S credential** and year obtained. Submit **proof of active AAOHN membership and proof of attendance at least one AAOHN National Conference** (in-person or virtual).

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, please provide full name 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 Describe your journey to become a COHN/COHN-S, including what inspired you, any mentors or programs that helped you along the way, and what barriers you encountered and overcame.
- 40 points Provide evidence of commitment to the field of occupational and environmental health nursing, including any: presentations, publications, volunteer activities, or committees where you participate with AAOHN, ABOHN, or other professional occupational health nursing organizations.
- 30 points Provide 2-3 examples of how attending the AAOHN National Conference was meaningful to you professionally. For example, candidates may discuss specific speakers or sessions that changed the way they approach decisions, workflows, or practice, and the conference provided unique insights into the profession.

The narrative may be published on the website, www.aaohn.org and may be used in other AAOHN publication(s). Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for this scholarship in any subsequent years after receipt of the award. Scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for other scholarships the following year but may apply for other scholarships in subsequent years.

Application Deadline – Complete application with narrative documents must be **emailed** to aaohnfoundationhq@gmail.com on or before **December 1, 2025 (please use file naming format: lastname-firstname-2026-nameofscholarship)**. AAOHN Foundation will notify all applicants of results via e-mail.