



Northwest Chicago Area Chapter AACN

2020 NTI Scholarship For Non-Board General Members



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AACN Mission: Patients and their families rely on nurses at the most vulnerable times of their lives. Acute and critical care nurses rely on AACN for expert knowledge and the influence to fulfill their promise to patients and their families. AACN drives excellence because nothing less is acceptable.

Vision: AACN is dedicated to creating a healthcare system driven by the needs of patients and families where acute and critical care nurses make their optimal contribution.

Northwest Chicago Area Chapter's (NWCAC) Mission and Vision statement promotes the growth, education, and certification of critical care and acute care nurses and promotes chapter member participation. As part of our mission, NWCAC recognizes the contributions of chapter members for participation in the NWCAC activities.

Purpose: The NWCAC National Teaching Institute (NTI) Scholarship Program is available to Non-Board General Members (Non-Exempt) who uphold the mission, vision and values of AACN to be accountable, advocate, embrace life-long learning to improve quality and excellence inpatient care. This is accomplished by:

- Promoting the education of progressive and critical care nurses in accordance with standards of evidence-based practice
- Promoting professionalism and the accountability in nursing
- Encouraging scientific investigation
- Providing opportunities for networking and professional development

The award:

- Each recipient will receive a **\$500** reimbursement for expenses incurred when attending 2020 NTI.
- Two winners will be chosen and will be reimbursed after the conference at the NWCAC June Educational Event
- Program receipts are required

Eligibility:

- Active RN license
- Current Member in good standing of National AACN and Northwest Chicago Area Chapter AACN **for at least one year prior to application.**
- NWCAC Non-Exempt General Member in good standing defined:
 - Member of NWCAC who is not on the NWCAC Board of Directors or Midwest Conference Committee.
 - NWCAC member who has paid their annual National and Local NWCAC membership dues.
 - AACN and NWCAC member for 1 year prior to receiving funds.
 - Has attended at least 2 of the NWCAC educational meetings (January 2019 to January 2020)
- Actively involved in critical care, progressive care, or telemetry nursing as a clinician, educator, or manager

Application requirement

- **Note: All applications must be submitted electronically**
- Completion of application, including typed response to questions
 - Application (demographics: contact information; AACN number; employer; position at work; years as a critical care/progressive care/telemetry nurse; certifications; education level; years as an AACN and local AACN member, and community activities)
- **Essay Questions (500 words or less TOTAL for responses to the following questions. Applications over 500 words will not be considered.)**
 - Describe your learning plan and goals and how attending NTI will assist your goals. How will you apply the knowledge gained?
 - How will attending NTI impact your practice?
 - How do you plan to share what you have learned as a result of attending NTI?
 - Indicate your involvement in NWCAC (meetings attended, recruitment, etc.)
- Submit completed application **by February 1, 2020.**
- Signed agreement to submit article for the **NWCAC-AACN May Newsletter** reflecting your NTI experience (overall or specific to selected presentations/activities you attended)
- Funds are non-transferrable.

Selection Process:

- The essays will be received by the Award and Scholarship Chair who will remove all identifying information. The essays will then be evaluated and ranked by the NWCAC AACN Award and Scholarship committee.
 - Blind-review (identifying information will be removed before panel members review)
 - A 5-point Likert Scale will be used to rate response to each of the essay questions.

Reimbursement:

- Recipients must use these monies as intended for NTI 2020 in Indianapolis
- All reimbursement will be made after attending NTI. Receipts must accompany the request for reimbursement.
- Applicants must NOT be current Board members
- Recipients cannot be a winner/recipient two consecutive years.
- Applicants who have received a Midwest Conference Scholarship for the current year are not eligible to receive an NTI scholarship

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