

**2023 OADN Foundation CastleBranch Educator Scholarship for Academic Progression**  
***Application Instructions***

All 2023 OADN Foundation Award, Scholarship & Grant online applications are powered by Survey Monkey Apply. Applicants are strongly encouraged to gather all required materials, as clearly outlined in the instructions section, **BEFORE** completing the online application form. Having all components of your application proofread, finalized and ready for file upload will help to ensure successful submission. You will be asked to provide your OADN membership number (for program members, this may be secured from your Nursing Dean's or Director's Office) as active OADN membership is a requirement for applying. Please read all instructions thoroughly on the online application and/or nomination form.

Applications must be submitted on or before the deadline of 8PM Eastern on June 15, 2023. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have any questions, contact Amy Owens, OADN Director of Advocacy & Engagement [amy.owens@oadn.org](mailto:amy.owens@oadn.org)

**Description:** The CastleBranch Educator Scholarship for Academic Progression was established to support the academic progression of associate degree nursing educators.

The award will be made to one individual annually in the amount of \$5000. The recipient will be recognized, and the award will be presented at the 2023 OADN Annual Convention, *Turning the Tide of Nursing Education*, at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, CA this November 15-18, 2023.

**Requirements:** The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be teaching at a minimum, in a half-time capacity, as defined by employer, in an associate degree nursing program.
- Hold an active membership in OADN as an individual or through a program.
- Have a program plan and be enrolled in a program to advance his/her presently held nursing degree (to either BSN, MSN, PhD, EdD, DNS, or DNP.)

**Instructions:** To apply for the CastleBranch Educator Scholarship for Academic Progression, individuals should submit the following materials on or before the application deadline of June 15, 2023:

- **Letter of Interest:** A letter of interest, not to exceed 1000 words, attesting that you meet the above stated criteria with a detailed description of your degree plan as well as an explanation of how your academic progression will serve your career, students, and institutions.
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Please include a current CV
- **Applicant Headshot:** A current headshot photo for marketing and/or ceremonial use only. *OADN Foundation blinds the candidate headshot information to eliminate possible unconscious bias in the review process. In drafting your candidate statements, please note that your headshot will not be shared with reviewers.*

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