2023 OADN Foundation CastleBranch Student 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, <u>BEFORE</u> 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

Description: CastleBranch, in partnership with the OADN Foundation, provides funding to support the education and research of associate degree nursing students. This $2500 scholarship was established to assist a student that is academically progressing from an associate degree nursing program. Applicants must demonstrate that they are immediately progressing to another degree program upon ADN graduation, or that they are concurrently enrolled in an ADN/BSN or ADN/MSN partnership.

The award will be made to one high-achieving nursing student annually in the amount of $2,500. 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:

- Current enrollment in a state-approved associate degree nursing program that holds OADN program membership.
- Successful completion of one year of the nursing curriculum.

Instructions: To apply for the CastleBranch Student 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 750 words, attesting that you meet the above stated criteria with a detailed description of your decision to pursue additional education beyond your ADN, how your ADN experience and education has prepared you to academically progress, your degree plan, and where you see yourself over the first five years of your career as a registered nurse.

- ✓ Unofficial Transcript: May be uploaded from student portal.

- ✓ Letter of Acceptance and/or evidence of enrollment in a BSN, MSN, or DNP program (must be able to show evidence that you are enrolled in next degree program following the completion of the ADN or concurrently enrolled in two-degree programs.)

- ✓ Applicant Headshot: A current headshot photo 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. Only your application packet narrative and supporting documents will be accessible to reviewers.*

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