

2023 OADN Foundation CastleBranch Student Scholarship for Allied Health Careerists in Nursing
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

Description: CastleBranch, in partnership with the OADN Foundation, provides funding to support the education and research of associate degree nursing students. This \$2,500 scholarship was established to assist second career students in pursuit of professional nursing education and a career as a registered nurse.

Applicants should have a background in a licensed allied health field (LPN, LVN, CNA, STNA, NA, LNA, medical assistant, OR tech, surgical tech, paramedic, EMT, massage therapy, or other licensed allied health profession).

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 CastleBranch Student Scholarship for Allied Health Careerists in Nursing is awarded to a high-achieving nursing student who meets the following criteria:

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

Instructions: To apply for the CastleBranch Student Scholarship for Allied Health Careerists in Nursing, individuals should submit the following materials on or before the application deadline of June 15, 2023:

- ✓ **Letter of Interest:** A maximum of 500 words letter of interest discussing your decision to pursue a career in nursing. Detail how your experience in allied health has helped prepare you for this decision, and how your experience and education to date has prepared you for professional practice. Include where you see yourself over the first five years of your career as a registered nurse.
- ✓ **Unofficial Transcript:** May be uploaded from student portal.
- ✓ **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. Only your application packet narrative and supporting documents will be accessible to reviewers.*

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