



## 2023 Sandi McBride Scholarship Information

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- The maximum reimbursement for the 2023 National Conference will be \$1,500.00/recipient. This money can be used by the recipient only to defray the cost of their lodging at the Royal Sonesta Houston Galleria, the cost of their travel to and from the hotel, and one \$180 individual conference registration fee. Expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of receipts after the conference.
- In the event of a medical emergency and the scholarship recipient is not able to attend, the recipient is to notify UOAA as soon as possible. There can be no deferment of the scholarship.
- The scholarship is for the OSTOMY/CONTINENT DIVERSION PATIENT only. UOAA will not fund the attendance of family members. If the scholarship recipient chooses to have family or children attend with them, they do so at their own expense.
- Lodging expenses at the conference hotel that are eligible for reimbursement extend from the night of Wednesday, August 9th through the night of Saturday, August 12th. Additional nights are **not** reimbursable.
- Meals will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient, and are not reimbursable.
- Following the Conference, recipients must submit their expense reports and receipts so they are received by UOAA no later than Tuesday, August 22, 2023 (10 days from last day of Conference). The report and receipts can be mailed to UOAA at PO Box 525, Kennebunk, ME 04043 or scanned and emailed to info@ostomy.org. Recipients should allow 3 to 4 weeks from the time their expense reports are received for processing.
- North Carolina residents and ASG members should apply for the Sandi McBride Scholarship, **not** the C.A.R.E.S. Program.

### Applicant & Selection Criteria

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- All applicants must be members of a North Carolina Affiliated Support Group, **or** residents of North Carolina and active members of a Virtual ASG.
- All applicants must be a **first time** UOAA National Conference attendee, never having attended a UOAA National Conference.
- All applicants must write a letter explaining why he or she would like to attend Conference and attach their letter to the application form.
- All applicants must be able to prove financial need, but will not be required to show income and expenses. He or she must clearly explain why they need assistance. Applicants will be making “good faith” statements.
- All applicants must provide a letter from his or her support group stating the group endorses his or her application and that all information on the application is true to the best of the group leader’s knowledge.
- Those who have had their ostomy surgery within the last year will be given first consideration; if more than one year since surgery the applicant can still be considered.
- Age is not an issue; the program is open to all who meet the requirements.
- The applicant is expected to attend the educational workshops and other Conference Program events. If it is determined that the applicant left the hotel while programming was going on, scholarship reimbursement funds may be withheld at the discretion of UOAA’s leadership.
- Within two weeks after returning from the Conference, the recipients are required to submit to UOAA and to the leader of their ASG a write-up about what attending the conference meant to them. (The editor of each ASG’s newsletter reserves the right to select the best article or portions of any article for publishing.)