



January 27, 2023

Dear Prospective Sandi McBride Scholarship Applicant,

As you may know, UOAA's 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference is being held on August 10-12, 2023 in Houston, Texas. We are pleased to partner with the volunteers who organize the Durham, N.C. Run for Resilience Ostomy 5k to offer the Sandi McBride Scholarship. A portion of the proceeds from the Durham Run for Resilience Ostomy 5k events has been set aside to offer scholarships to individuals in North Carolina who can benefit from attending UOAA's educational conference, but for whom attendance would not be possible without funding assistance.

The Sandi McBride scholarship is available to individuals who are active members of one of the four affiliated support groups (ASGs) in North Carolina, or who are residents of North Carolina and members of a "virtual" ASG.

This year, four awards of up to \$1,500.00 per person are available, paid to help reimburse lodging, transportation, and conference registration expenses for the individual who applies. UOAA's C.A.R.E.S Selection Committee, overseen by UOAA's Board of Directors, will review all applications. Please review the Program Information and Applicant Criteria document for complete details before applying. Those who qualify should apply for the Sandi McBride Scholarship, not the general C.A.R.E.S. scholarship program. You may not apply for both.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, April 17, 2023. Please complete your application and turn it in to your ASG President, who will sign the application and submit it to UOAA. All successful applicants will be notified of their scholarship no later than Monday, May 8, 2023.

**Application Instructions:**

- 1) Fill out the application form completely and sign it.
- 2) In 500 words or less, explain how attending conference will assist you in adjusting to your ostomy surgery, and why a scholarship is necessary for you to be able to attend. Essays must be typed or printed neatly and submitted with the completed application.
- 3) Applicant must have the completed application signed by their ASG President.
- 4) Mail your application and essay to UOAA's Office at PO Box 525 Kennebunk, ME 04043 or email to [info@ostomy.org](mailto:info@ostomy.org). Applications mailed must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2023, applications emailed must be received no later than April 17, 2023.

Again, thank you for your interest and for your involvement in North Carolina's ASGs!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl M. Ory', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Cheryl M. Ory  
UOAA President