**NAON® Past Presidents Leadership Scholarship**

**Purpose**

To advance orthopaedic nursing practice, education, research and leadership by supporting a NAON member who has demonstrated leadership in the specialty of orthopaedic nursing.

**Scholarship**

1. $1000.00 awarded as an unrestricted grant for the use of the recipient.

 2. Pending board approval, NAON may waive Congress registration for the recipient of the Past Presidents’ Leadership Scholarship. The approved monies will be made known annually after finalization of the NAON budget.

3. Certificate presented / acknowledged at Congress.

4. Recognition in NAON and NAON Foundation publications/media.

**Eligibility**

1. Must be a current NAON member.

2. Should have a demonstrated a commitment to orthopaedic nursing, through practice, participation in NAON activities or other related orthopaedic nursing activities.

 3. Current and former members of the NAON Executive Board, NAON staff are not eligible for this scholarship. Former NAON Foundation Trustees are eligible after three (3) years of being off the Foundation Board.

 4. This scholarship may be won only one time.

**Criteria, Required Documentation**

1. Completed Nomination Form (see next page for form).

 2. Proof of current NAON membership, scanned and submitted electronically.

3. A letter of nomination from a NAON leader who has served at the national level (i.e. current or former NAON Executive Board member, current or former NAON Foundation Trustee or a current or former Orthopaedic Nursing Journal Editorial Board member).

4. One (1) letter of recommendation/support; from a professional colleague, or from an individual who has been mentored by the candidate; must be obtained by the NAON leader submitting the nomination.

5. Both letters should cite examples of how the candidate meets the following criteria in the areas of orthopaedic nursing practice, education, research and / or leadership.

6. Does the candidate have a history of military service?

**The candidate should:**

A. Demonstrate commitment to NAON’s mission and vision.

 B. Exemplify excellence in professional leadership.

 C. Serve as a role model inspiring, encouraging, supporting and mentoring others to help them achieve their professional goals.

7. Attendance of Nominee at Congress is encouraged.

 8. Electronic submissions are required; send the original and one (1) blinded copy of the application form and of all necessary documentation (PDF preferred, separate attachments acceptable).

**Application Submission Deadline**

The NAON Foundation must receive all documentation no later than April 17, 2021.

Notification will be made by April 24th.

Email all required documentation with your Nomination Form to

 NAON Foundation Scholarship/Grant Administrator at email:

 **scholarshipadministrator@naonfoundation.org**

Nominator will be notified by e-mail of receipt of documents.

Incomplete, un-blinded, faxed and /or late submissions will not be accepted.