



American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) NIWI Scholarship Application

Purpose:

Provide financial assistance to neuroscience nursing professionals interested in attending the Nurse in Washington Internship in Washington, DC in March 2021.

Scholarship Details: NIWI provides nurses with the opportunity to learn how to influence health care through the legislative and regulatory processes. Participants learn from health policy experts and government officials, network with other nurses, and visit members of Congress. NIWI is open to any nurse or nursing student (all levels of education) that is interested in an orientation to the legislative process. NIWI begins on Monday, March 22 at noon and concludes on Wednesday, March 24 with a closing reception at 5pm. For more information about NIWI, visit [this link](#).

Amount of Scholarship:

The AANN NIWI Scholarship will cover registration, lodging, and travel expenses for one AANN member who meets the scholarship eligibility criteria. One scholarship will be available in 2021. The AANN Advocacy Committee will review all applications and select the applicants deemed most appropriate as the award recipient.

Eligibility:

1. Open to all neuroscience nursing professionals and students who are in their final Senior year and plan to work in Neuroscience
2. Current AANN member
3. Never attended NIWI in the past
4. Able to join the Advocacy Committee for a minimum one-year term following the awarding of the scholarship

Application Guidelines

1. One complete, **typed copy** of the grant application. **Hand-written applications are not accepted and will be automatically denied.** Applications with improper grammar and punctuation will not be accepted.
2. **Personal Essays** (*using template below*):
 - a. Essay #1 should describe reasons for interest in attending NIWI, including the presumed benefits professionally and personally. (250 word maximum)
 - b. Essay #2 should outline the applicant's interest and experience with advocacy. (250 word maximum)
3. Copy of nursing license or RN Certificate (international members) for regular AANN membership or name of institution and expected graduation date for Student Membership.

Deadline:

1. Completed applications must be **received** at the AANN National Office by email no later than **Friday, January 22, 2021**. **AANN only accepts submissions via email.**
 - a. Email to csablik@aann.org.
2. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Review Process:

1. All applications will be blinded and removed of any identifying information.
2. Completed, blinded applications will be reviewed by the AANN Advocacy Committee and scored based on the applicant's compliance with eligibility criteria as well as professionalism, quality and comprehensiveness of response.
3. If you have not obtained notification that your application has been received at the AMWF office by 2 weeks after the send date, please contact Cheriden Sablik at csablik@aann.org.

Notification:

All applicants will be informed of the AANN Board decision by late February 2021.

Questions:

If you have any questions about this grant or the application process, please contact Cheriden Sablik at csablik@aann.org.

Recipients of this grant agree to:

1. Utilize grant funds towards registration and travel costs for NIWI.
2. Grant permission to AANN to use their name in promotion of the AANN scholarship in the AANN *Neuroscience News*, AANN/ABNN website, at the AANN Annual Meeting, on Facebook, and other social media, and/or through other marketing initiatives deemed appropriate by AANN.
3. Able to join the Advocacy Committee for a one-year term following a successful scholarship application

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*First and Last Name: _____

*Credentials (include degrees, licensure, & certifications): _____

*Employer/Title: _____

*Mailing Address: _____

*Phone: _____

*Email: _____

*Number of Years in Neuroscience/Stroke Nursing: _____

*Are you a current member of AANN?

Yes

No

*AANN Membership ID# and Year Joined: _____

*What is your primary specialty area?

Epilepsy

Movement Disorders

Neuro-Oncology

Neurotrauma

Pediatrics

Spine

Stroke

Other (please state): _____

*How did you hear about this scholarship?

Website

Email

E-Newsletter

Facebook

Instagram

Twitter

Co-worker/Supervisor

Other (please explain): _____

***As a recipient of this grant, I agree to:**

1. Utilize grant funds towards registration and travel costs for NIWI.
2. Grant permission to AANN and AMWF to use their name in promotion of the AANN scholarship in the AANN *Neuroscience News*, AANN/ABNN website, at the AANN Annual Meeting, on Facebook, and other social media, and/or through other marketing initiatives deemed appropriate by AANN.
3. Join the Advocacy Committee for a one-year term following the awarding of the scholarship.

Authorized Signature (electronic)

Date

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The following questions are used by the AANN Advocacy Committee to evaluate your NIWI Scholarship application. The committee's decision will be based on your responses. Your responses to the following questions should not reveal your identity to ensure the review process is blinded. *All responses must be **blinded** and use proper grammar and punctuation.*

- 1. In paragraph form, please tell us why you are interested in attending the Nurse in Washington Internship. Please include perceived benefits of attending NIWI, personally and professionally. Be as specific as possible.**

- 2. In paragraph form, why are you interested in advocacy? Include any interests or experience with advocacy or public policy. Be as specific as possible.**