

Empowering Perioperative Nurses



Dear Anne,

Thanks for joining us for this month's edition of the AORN Foundation newsletter. We're excited to share inspiration, impactful stories, and the latest news in our journey to support perioperative nursing.

Each year, the AORN Foundation supports the future development of perioperative nurses by awarding scholarships to nursing students pursuing a career in perioperative nursing and registered nurses advancing their education through bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees.

This year, we're thrilled to announce that the Foundation has awarded scholarships to **169 recipients** – who are all one step closer to achieving their educational goals.

"I am truly honored to receive this support as I continue my Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) journey. As an operating room nurse educator overseeing five perioperative departments, I am deeply committed to advancing perioperative nursing through education, mentorship, and innovation. This scholarship provides vital support that allows me to focus on expanding our health systems OR Foundations Course, ensuring new perioperative nurses receive consistent, evidence-based education that promotes both patient safety and professional growth."

–Brittany McCormack, BSN, RN, CNOR, 2025-2026 Scholarship Recipient

It is only with generous support that we are able to help make these educational dreams come true. Learn how to get involved by establishing a named or endowed scholarship. Contact us at foundation@aorn.org. Meet other **donors that make these scholarships possible.**

Investing in Perioperative Excellence – Two New Grant Opportunities

Linda Groah Leadership and Development Grant

The AORN Foundation is now accepting nominations for the Linda Groah Leadership and Development Grant Program, a dynamic new initiative aimed at raising emerging leaders in perioperative care. This grant supports nurses who show exceptional promise in clinical leadership, innovation, and a deep commitment to advancing perioperative care. [Learn more and submit your nomination](#) before Sept. 30.

CRNFA Certification Grants

In partnership with the National Assistant at Surgery Certification (NASC), the AORN Foundation is offering CRNFA Certification Grants to support current RNFA's working in expanded roles. These grants are designed to help perioperative professionals enhance their skills and continue delivering outstanding patient care. [Apply before Sept. 30.](#)

[Learn More About Our Programs](#)

One of the most powerful ways to improve patient care and strengthen the future of perioperative nursing is by giving to the AORN Foundation Scholarship program

Become a [sustaining donor](#) and help us support the next generation of nurse leaders.

With heartfelt thanks,
The AORN Foundation

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