Sandra M. Reissour Memorial Scholarship for Nurses Practicing in Professional Development

The American Nurses Association Massachusetts Sandra M. Reissour Memorial Scholarship for Nurses Practicing in Professional Development was established by the ANA Massachusetts Approver Unit in memory of Sandra Reissour. Sandra was a founding member of the American Nurses Association Massachusetts, and also volunteered for many years with nurses in continuing education. She was the co-chair of the ANCC Accredited Approver Unit for ANA Massachusetts and mentored many nurses across the state and throughout the country in educational design and interpretation of ANCC criteria. In 2009, Sandra received the President’s Award from ANA Massachusetts, and in 2018 was recognized with the Loyal Service Award for her dedication to the association. Sandy was highly respected, valued for her opinion, and loved for her attention to detail and “eagle eye. She was employed for 52 years until her retirement at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, first in clinical nursing and later as an Education Specialist in Academic Affairs.

This scholarship in the amount of up to $500.00 is to be given to a nurse that exemplifies dedication to nursing continuing education. The ideal candidate shows their dedication to and development of professional education in nursing.

The Sandra M. Reissour Memorial Scholarship for Nurses Practicing in Professional Development will be presented each year at the ANA Massachusetts Awards Dinner Ceremony in early spring. Scholarship recipients are asked to serve on the selection committee for the following year’s awards

Criteria

- Must be a member of ANA Massachusetts.
- RN with a minimum of a BSN currently working in nursing continuing education or nursing professional development.
- Scholarship must be used for Certification Exam for Continuing Nursing Professional Development or attendance at nursing professional development conference such as Association for Nurses in Professional Development (ANPD).
- Recipient must not have been a recipient of an ANA Massachusetts Scholarship or Award in previous two years.
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Application Checklist

(Incomplete or partial applications will not be considered.)

Completed application includes:

- ✔ Personal Information Form
- ✔ Funding Request Form
- ✔ Essay

Completed application must be postmarked/submitted electronically by January 12th.

Instructions for application completion and submission

Application may be submitted by January 12th electronically or by mail. Please complete all areas indicated with either text or check marks. For applications completed and submitted electronically, grey text boxes will auto-expand to fit contents. Receipt of nominations will be confirmed by email.

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Chair, ANA Massachusetts Awards Committee
C/O ANA Massachusetts
P.O. Box 285
Milton, MA 02186

Emailed applications should be sent to: info@ANAMass.org
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Application Form

Nominator (may self nominate)

Name: ___
Address: ___
City/State/Zip: ___
Home Phone (include area code): ___
Home Fax: ___
E-mail Address: ___

Check box if ANA Massachusetts Member: ☐

Nominee

Name of Nominee: ___
Address: ___
City/State/Zip: ___
Home Phone (include area code): ___
Home Fax: ___
E-mail Address: ___
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Funding Request

Name of Certification Course/Conference: ___
Date: ___

Amount of Funding Requested (up to $500): $___
OR
Proof of payment (up to $500): $___

Please list the specific costs included in the funding request: registration, course, etc.
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Please attach a certification course description and/or conference brochure.
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Essay

A brief essay of not more than 250 words describing the certification/course and your rationale including the professional benefit derived from this activity.

Signature (if mailed): ____________________________ Phone Number: ________
Print Name: ____________________________________ Title: __________________
Position: ______________________________________ Date: __________________
Are you a member of ANA Massachusetts? □ Yes □ No