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American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

Scholarship/Award Program

**For scholarship/award degree programs,
events or activities occurring in 2027**

Deadline: July 1, 2026

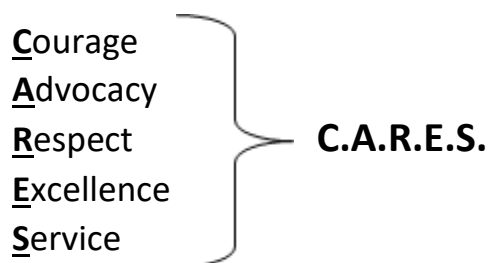
*Serving nurses practicing in all phases of preanesthesia and postanesthesia care,
ambulatory surgery and pain management*

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ASPAN's Core Purpose

To empower and advance the unique specialty of perianesthesia nursing.

Core Values



ASPAN's Compelling Vision

ASPAN will be distinguished as the premier organization for perianesthesia nursing excellence.

Scholarship/Award Program Purpose

To provide financial assistance to postanesthesia, preanesthesia, pain management and ambulatory surgery nurses aspiring to enhance their abilities to contribute to the perianesthesia community by:

- working toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master of Science in Nursing, or a Doctorate in Nursing for tuition in 2027
- attending the ASPAN National Conference, April 30 – May 3, 2027, in New Orleans, Louisiana
- viewing electronic educational sessions from the 2027 ASPAN National Conference
- taking the CPAN[®] or CAPA[®] certification exam in 2027
- participating in a Humanitarian Mission in 2027
- participating in American Organization for Nursing Leadership's (AONL) Advocacy Day in May 2027

These scholarships/awards are for degree programs, events, or activities occurring in 2027 only.

Scholarship/Award Categories Overview

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master of Science in Nursing, or a Doctorate in Nursing:

\$1,500 tuition scholarships. It is preferred that undergraduate and graduate scholarship applicants hold a specialty certification in perianesthesia nursing. Applicants must be currently enrolled in the degree program and have completed at least one semester to report a grade point average required in the verification letter. **Applicants' degree program classes must continue into 2027.**

ASPAN National Conference:

In-Person Attendance at ASPAN's National Conference, April 30 – May 3, 2027, New Orleans. \$1,000.

Recipients are expected to write and submit a report within 30 days of conference attendance. At the National Conference, the Patricia E. Hansen Memorial honoree is recognized as the individual who attained the highest score awarded by the scholarship review team among all National Conference In-Person Attendance award recipients. Since 1997, this honor pays tribute to the late ASPAN leader, Pat Hansen, who recognized the outstanding opportunities for education and professional growth during ASPAN's National Conference. (Online access to recorded electronic educational sessions from this National Conference are included in the covered full registration.)

Electronic Educational Sessions from ASPAN's 2027 National Conference. ~\$550. (subject to change)

Recipients have online access to the recorded educational sessions beginning a few weeks after the National Conference has ended (availability dates TBA). Recipients are expected to write and submit a report of their viewing experience within 30 days after the end of electronic access. This scholarship is for those members who are unable to attend national conference in person.

CPAN or CAPA Certification Exam: \$350 awards for either CPAN or CAPA certification exam taken in spring 2027 or fall 2027.

Humanitarian Mission: \$1,000 awards will be granted to provide partial compensation for travel expenses and/or to aid in the purchase of medical supplies taken on the trip. Award funds may be used to purchase items onsite in support of the local economy. Recipients are expected to write and submit a report within 30 days of the mission. **Only mission trips occurring in 2027 are eligible.**

American Organization for Nursing Leadership's (AONL) Advocacy Day Program: ASPAN grants a maximum of two awards from the \$4,000 total funding for this program being held in **May 20, 2027**. Each \$2,000 award includes Advocacy Day early bird registration fee and approved hotel/travel/meal expenses receipts (based on GSA meal per diem for Washington, D.C.) submitted to ASPAN after the event and reimbursed upon approval by ASPAN. Recipients are expected to write and submit a report within 30 days of the Advocacy Day event. Note: this award may not cover full expenses for AONL's program. For more information on AONL's Advocacy Day Program, please visit: <https://www.aonl.org/aonl-advocacy>.



General Eligibility for ASPAN's Scholarship/Award Program

ASPAN nurse members from all phases of perianesthesia nursing who meet the following criteria are eligible for scholarships/awards. **(NOTE: Carefully read the checklists -- pages 6 through 10 -- for eligibility requirements specific to each type of scholarship/award.)**

The applicant:

- Must be a registered nurse with a current license
- Must be an Active Category member of ASPAN and a component for the past two full continuous years immediately prior to the application deadline of July 1, 2026
- Must maintain Active Category member status through 2027
- Must currently participate in component or ASPAN national activities
- Must be employed in any phase of the perianesthesia setting (PACU, ASU, preanesthesia, management, research, education)
- Must have a minimum of two years' experience in any phase of perianesthesia nursing
- Cannot be a current member of the Board of Directors of ASPAN or ABPANC
- Cannot be the coordinator of ASPAN's Development Strategic Work Team or in a role that selects scholarship/award recipients

Selection

- An ASPAN Scholarship/Award Review Team reviews all applications and selects recipients using an objective point system. The decision of the Scholarship/Award Review Team is final
- Notification letters will be sent to all applicants before September 2026
- Only one scholarship/award will be granted per recipient. Applicants may only apply for one ASPAN scholarship/award per year. Those applying for multiple scholarships/awards will not be considered
- Scholarship/award monies are awarded between January 1 and December 31, 2027, and are not transferable to another person, event, activity, or educational scholarship

- Scholarships/awards will be granted with the understanding that the same funding is not covered by any other source (e.g., employer, other component organizations, other scholarships/funding)
- Monies will be administered to the provider institutions or the recipient according to ASPAN policy #08-200
- An applicant who receives a scholarship/award may not reapply for a period of three full years in any category, e.g., those granted scholarships/awards in 2022 or earlier may now reapply
- The names of scholarship/award recipients will be published in ASPAN's eNewsletter, *Breathline*
- **DEADLINE:** Application packets must be postmarked **on or before July 1, 2026** — no exceptions

Disclaimer: ASPAN does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice. Please consult a qualified tax professional with respect to your personal tax situation.

= Read on for general instructions and specific checklists for all categories of scholarships/awards =



General Instructions and Deadline Information

1. Read the **CHECKLIST** for your specific scholarship/award to see what items are required for submission.
2. Applicant must submit **FIVE (5) hard copies (one original and four photocopies)** of the application **AND** all required supporting documentation, collated as five separate complete packets, and mailed IN ONE LARGE ENVELOPE.
3. This brochure/application is only available online; however, the entire scholarship/award application packet cannot be submitted electronically. It must be mailed to ASPAN.
4. All submissions must be in printed format (word-processed or typewritten – not handwritten) and all items completed and signed where indicated. All required supporting documentation must accompany the application. Do not submit double-sided copies.
5. Narrative statements are considered in the selection process. Contemplate your statements carefully. Narratives are rated on content, clarity, and relevance to ASPAN's Core Purpose and Values.
6. Current members of the Scholarship/Award Review Team are not eligible to submit letters of reference for an applicant.
7. Review the CHECKLIST for your scholarship/award to make sure your application packet is complete.
8. Incomplete applications, late applications or those responses failing to meet or exceed the requirements are returned without review. Do not send more documents than are required.
9. Questions? Call 1-877-737-9696, extension 213.
10. Mail **FIVE (5) copies (one original and four photocopies)** of the Application Form, Selection Criteria Form **AND** required supporting documentation, collated as five separate complete packets, and mailed IN ONE LARGE ENVELOPE, to:

**ASPAN Scholarship/Award Program
90 Frontage Road
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034-1424**

DEADLINE:

Application packet must be postmarked on or before July 1, 2026.

No exceptions!

Application Process

Please carefully read requirements for your specific scholarship/award on the following pages.

ALL required materials must be submitted for your application to be considered.

Scholarship Checklist / Required Items for:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, or Doctorate in Nursing

Please check off each required item to be certain you have included it in your submission packet.

- A. **Completed and signed Application Form.**
- B. **Photocopies of:**
 1. Your current ASPAN membership card.
 2. Your current nursing license.
 3. Your current CPAN and/or CAPA certification card, if applicable.
- C. **Completed Applicant Selection Criteria Form.**
- D. **Verification letter.** A one-page letter from your college's Department of Nursing, signed by a titled person in that office, MUST include ALL the following information:
 1. Verification of your current enrollment in one of these degree programs: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing or Doctorate in Nursing.
 2. ACEN or CCNE accreditation statement from the college's Department of Nursing.
 3. Statement of your current GPA (grade point average). Transcripts are not acceptable.
- E. **Statement of need and expense projection.** On a separate page, describe your financial need and include an itemized statement of projected expenses. Include any other funding or scholarships you received or will be receiving toward your degree program. (Maximum one page, *typed*.)
- F. **Two letters of reference or recommendation which must be:**
 1. **One letter from a professional colleague** who is knowledgeable of your professional commitment and goals.
 2. **One letter from an educator at the school of nursing in which you are enrolled** who is knowledgeable of your academic performance.
- G. **Narrative statement.** Describe how you see your perianesthesia practice changing and benefiting as a result of your Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing or Doctorate in Nursing degree and how receiving this scholarship will help you obtain your professional goals and contribute to the perianesthesia community. (Maximum one page, *typed*.)

NOTE:

Educational scholarship applicants must be currently enrolled in the degree program and have completed at least one full semester in order to report a grade point average required in the verification letter. **Applicants' degree program classes must continue into 2027.** These scholarships are for tuition only and will be mailed directly to the scholarship recipients' educational institutions.

Do NOT send additional supporting documents – all will be discarded without review. Only send the required documents listed above. Do not submit double-sided copies.

Checklist / Required Items for:

ASPAN National Conference In-Person Attendance April 30 – May 3, 2027 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Please check off each required item to be certain you have included it in your submission packet.

- A. **Completed and signed Application Form.** (*Don't forget your supervisor's signature!*)
- B. **Photocopies of:**
 1. Your current ASPAN membership card.
 2. Your current nursing license.
 3. Your current CPAN and/or CAPA certification card, if applicable.
- C. **Completed Applicant Selection Criteria Form.**
- D. **Statement of need and expense projection.** On a separate page, describe your financial need and include an itemized statement of projected expenses and how award monies would be used. Include any other funding or scholarships you received or will be receiving toward attending this ASPAN national conference. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)
- E. **Two letters of reference or recommendation** from professional colleagues knowledgeable of your professional commitment and goals.
- F. **Narrative statement.** Describe how you see your perianesthesia practice changing and benefiting as a result of attending the ASPAN National Conference, and how receiving this award will help you obtain your professional goals and contribute to the perianesthesia community. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)
- G. **Past attendance at or participation in ASPAN National Conferences.** Provide a separate list of all ASPAN National Conferences which you have attended or viewed virtually. If none, state none.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Any National Conference In-Person Attendance award applicant may **NOT** be a member of the incoming ASPAN Representative Assembly (RA) held during the 2027 National Conference. Recipients must notify their components of their ineligibility to participate as either a primary or alternate representative at the 2027 RA convening during the National Conference for which they are receiving award monies to attend.

Any National Conference In-Person Attendance award applicant may **NOT** be a candidate for an elected position in ASPAN during the National Conference for which they are receiving award monies to attend.

You must use this award toward Full Conference registration. It cannot be used for Daily or Guest registrations.

You are encouraged to make your hotel reservations and stay at ASPAN's Conference host hotel. If, for some reason, you do not attend the 2027 National Conference, you must return the \$1,000 award within 30 days after Conference. This award is not transferable to any other National Conference or ASPAN educational offering nor is transferable to another individual.

National Conference In-Person Attendance award recipients are expected to write and submit a report of their conference experience, within 30 days of attendance at this conference, for submission to the ASPAN Board of Directors and potential publication in our eNewsletter *Breathline* or on ASPAN's website.

Do **NOT** send additional supporting documents – all will be discarded without review. Only send the required documents listed above. Do not submit double-sided copies.

Checklist / Required Items for:

Electronic Educational Sessions from ASPAN's 2027 National Conference

Please check off each required item to be certain you have included it in your submission packet.

- A. **Completed and signed Application Form.**
- B. **Photocopies of:**
 1. Your current ASPAN membership card.
 2. Your current nursing license.
 3. Your current CPAN and/or CAPA certification card, if applicable.
- C. **Completed Applicant Selection Criteria Form.**
- D. **Statement of need.** On a separate page, describe your financial need. Include any other funding or scholarships you received or will be receiving toward registering for electronic educational sessions at this ASPAN National Conference. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)
- E. **Two letters of reference or recommendation** from professional colleagues knowledgeable of your professional commitment and goals.
- F. **Narrative statement.** Describe how you see your perianesthesia practice changing and benefiting as a result of viewing the electronic educational sessions from ASPAN's National Conference, and how receiving this award will help you obtain your professional goals and contribute to the perianesthesia community. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)
- G. **Past attendance at or participation in ASPAN National Conferences.** Provide a separate list of all ASPAN National Conferences which you have attended or viewed virtually. If none, state none.

NOTE:

Recipients of the Electronic Educational Sessions award from the 2027 National Conference will have online access to the recorded educational sessions beginning a few weeks after the National Conference has ended (availability dates TBA). Recipients are expected to write and submit a report of their viewing experience within 30 days after the end of electronic access for submission to the ASPAN Board of Directors and potential publication in our eNewsletter *Breathline* or on ASPAN's website.

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Checklist / Required Items for:

CPAN or CAPA Certification Exam (spring 2027 or fall 2027)

Please check off each required item to be certain you have included it in your submission packet.

- A. **Completed and signed Application Form.**
- B. **Photocopies of:**
 1. Your current ASPAN membership card.
 2. Your current nursing license.
 3. Your current CPAN and/or CAPA certification card (if any).
- C. **Completed Applicant Selection Criteria Form.**
- D. **Statement of need and expense projection.** On a separate page, describe your financial need and include an itemized statement of projected expenses. Include any other funding or scholarships you received or will be receiving toward this certification exam. (Maximum one page, *typed*.)
- E. **Two letters of reference or recommendation** from professional colleagues knowledgeable of your professional commitment and goals.
- F. **Narrative statement.** Describe how you see your perianesthesia practice changing and benefiting as a result of your certification, and how receiving this award will help you obtain your professional goals and contribute to the perianesthesia community. (Maximum one page, *typed*.)

NOTE:

Certification exam award recipients must register and pay ABPANC for their certification exams in either **spring 2027 or fall 2027**. After ABPANC notifies ASPAN that award recipients' exam registrations and payments have been received, ASPAN mails the certification award check directly to the recipient.

Do **NOT** send additional supporting documents – all will be discarded without review. Only send the required documents listed above. Do not submit double-sided copies.

Checklist / Required Items for:

Humanitarian Mission (mission trip must occur in 2027)

Please check off each required item to be certain you have included it in your submission packet.

- A. **Completed and signed Application Form.**
- B. **Photocopies of:**
 1. Your current ASPAN membership card.
 2. Your current nursing license.
 3. Your current CPAN and/or CAPA certification card, if applicable.
- C. **Completed Applicant Selection Criteria Form.**
- D. **Statement of need and expense projection.** On a separate page, describe your financial need and include an itemized statement of projected expenses and how award monies will be used. Include any other funding or scholarships you received or will be receiving toward this mission. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)
- E. **Letter from the director of the mission program** describing the purpose of the mission, the dates of the mission trip, the level of activity of all participants involved in the trip, and any knowledge of previous mission involvement/participation on your part. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)
- F. **Narrative statement.** Describe your involvement with medical missions, how many trips you have made, the importance of this mission and the dates of the mission trip. State, in your own words, the goal of the medical mission and what you hope to accomplish by participating. Describe how you see your perianesthesia practice benefiting because of this experience. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)

NOTE:

Approved expenses for travel or mission medical supplies submitted to ASPAN after the mission (up to \$1,000) will be reimbursed. **Only mission trips occurring in 2027 are eligible.**

Humanitarian Mission award recipients are required to write and submit a report within 30 days of participation in this mission endeavor for submission to the ASPAN Board of Directors and potential publication in our eNewsletter *Breathline* or on ASPAN's website.

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Checklist / Required Items for:

American Organization for Nursing Leadership's (AONL) Advocacy Day – May 20, 2027

Please check off each required item to be certain you have included it in your submission packet.

- A. **Completed and signed Application Form.**
- B. **Photocopies of:**
 1. Your current ASPAN membership card.
 2. Your current nursing license.
 3. Your current CPAN and/or CAPA certification card, if applicable.
- C. **Completed Applicant Selection Criteria Form.**
- D. **Statement of need and expense projection.** On a separate page, describe your financial need and include an itemized statement of projected expenses and how award monies would be used. Include any other funding or scholarships you are receiving or will be receiving toward attending AONL's Advocacy Day program. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)
- E. **Two letters of reference or recommendation** from professional colleagues knowledgeable of your professional commitment and goals.
- F. **Narrative statement.** Describe how you see your perianesthesia practice benefiting as a result of attending AONL's Advocacy Day program, and how receiving this award will help you obtain your professional goals and contribute to the perianesthesia community. (Maximum one page, *typed.*)

NOTE:

AONL's Advocacy Day program will be held **May 20, 2027** in Washington, D.C. You do not need to be a member of AONL to attend this program.

Early bird registration fee and approved hotel/travel/meal expense receipts (based on GSA meal per diem for Washington, D.C.), up to \$2,000 and submitted to ASPAN after the Advocacy Day event, will be reimbursed to the award recipient upon approval by ASPAN. A detailed receipt for each incurred expense is required for reimbursement. **Please note:** this individual award is up to \$2,000 maximum and may not cover full expenses; recipient(s) will be expected to fund any remaining expenses.

The Advocacy Day program award recipient(s) is/are required to write and submit a report of their experience within 30 days of participation in this event for submission to the ASPAN Board of Directors and potential publication in our eNewsletter *Breathline* or on ASPAN's website.

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