



Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association

Association Canadienne des Infirmières et Infirmiers en Orthopédie

CONA AWARDS – A Benefit of Membership!

Philosophy of Awards:

The Canadian Orthopaedic Nurses Association believes that nurses who provide care to individuals with neuromuscular and skeletal disorders require a specific body of knowledge and skills to deliver the highest standard of care.

CONA believes that this knowledge is acquired, maintained and advanced through continuing education, practice and research. In support of this philosophy, awards have been provided to be used for the continuing education of CONA members and for the recognition of members whose commitment for excellence in Orthopaedic nursing promotes and advances the care of the Orthopaedic community.

All award recipients will receive a certificate of recognition and an invitation to the President's Reception at Conference

Guidelines for applicants:

- All applicants must have current CONA membership.
- Deadline for applications is March 31 (with the exception of Certification Bursaries).
- **Recipients must attend Conference to receive the monetary award** (with the exception of Certification Bursaries)
- CONA National Board members are eligible **only** for the COA Dr Cy Frank Literary award as this award is not funded by CONA.
- All applications must be signed by a member of the local Chapter executive or by an immediate supervisor for members-at-large.
- All applications are to be sent to the National Board Continuing Education chairperson and must be **received** by the deadline dates. The National Board reserves the right to extend deadlines and to encourage members to apply for awards.
- All recipients are approved by the National Board.
- If there are no applicants for the COA Dr Cy Frank Literary award, the National Board will choose the deserving recipient.
- All applications must include a jpeg photo of the applicant for award recognition.

Available CONA Awards:

CONA Conference Awards:

- 4 awards of \$400.00
- These awards are to assist members to attend CONA's National Conference

CONA Excellence in Orthopaedic Nursing award:

- \$750.00 award and free CONA membership
- Will require two letters of support.
- Minimum 2 years' experience in an Orthopaedic nursing setting.
- Can only be awarded once per candidate

COA Dr. Cy Frank Literary Award:

- \$250.00 award
- Sponsored by the Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA)
- This award is given to a CONA member who has authored or co-authored a manuscript or article published in the last year, either in a health-related journal or in the *Orthoscope* newsletter
- Applicant must be an active member of CONA for a minimum of 1 year
- Applicant author or co-author of manuscript that has been published in the last year in the *Orthoscope* newsletter or a health related recognized journal.
- The application must include an electronic copy of the manuscript.

“Up and Coming” Orthopaedic Nurse Award:

- \$500.00 award
- This award is to foster the development of continuing education in the field of orthopaedic nursing.
- Applicant must be an active member of CONA for a minimum of 1 year
- This award is given to a CONA member who is new to orthopaedic nursing within the last 3 years.
- Requires two letters of support, reflecting commitment of the member and active participation in continuing education for the Orthopaedic community.
- This award is to be used for educational purposes

CONA Speakers Award:

- 2 awards of \$500.00 each (if there is more than one member participating in a presentation, the \$500 award will be shared between the members)
- These awards are to assist with costs associated with the National Conference to enable the CONA member to attend and share expertise and knowledge
- Include a copy of the abstract or brief synopsis of presentation, application form, and estimate of costs to be incurred are to be submitted.
- Topic to be presented relates to the practice of orthopaedic nursing
- Applicant to formally acknowledge sponsorship by CONA
- Within two (2) months of the presentation a copy of the presentation for publication in *Orthoscope* newsletter is received.

Certification Bursaries:

- (8) bursaries to put towards the cost of initial certification or re-certification
- Amount of the bursary will be the fee of certification/renewal plus applicable taxes and consider CONA vouchers if available.
- Applicant must submit their receipt of payment for certification/renewal.
- Applicant must submit their certificate or letter of successful certification/re-certification.
- Certification/Renewal must be related to the orthopaedic specialty.
- The application and documents must be received by December 31st of the year in which the applicant received their certification/renewal.

CONA Lifetime Achievement Award:

- This award honors the commitment a member has shown to CONA and orthopaedic nursing.
- Requires 5 letters of recommendation.
- Recipient is entitled to complimentary lifetime CONA membership and Conference registration (starting the year following the member's recognition)

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