



# 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 certification 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
- 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 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

**“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
- This award is to be used for educational purposes

**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

**CONA Excellence in Orthopaedic Nursing award:**

- \$750.00 award
- Will require two letters of support.
- Can only be awarded once per candidate

**Certification Bursaries:**

- (3) bursaries of \$570 to put towards the cost of initial certification per writing session
- (1) bursary of \$365 to put towards the cost of recertification per writing session
- These awards are to help our members with the cost of writing the CNA Orthopaedic Certification exam and renewal of their Orthopaedic Certification.
- Deadlines are April 30 for the fall writing session and Dec 31 for the spring writing session
- Recipients must show proof of successful writing in order to receive bursary

**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)

\*\*\*Awards will only be granted (with the exception of the COA Dr Cyr Frank Literary Award) if applications are received.