Scholarship & Awards Committee Role Description

**Purpose**
The Scholarship & Awards Committee (S&A) annually distributes $40,000, or an amount specified by the Board of Directors, in scholarships, grants, and awards to advance the medical-surgical nursing profession. The awards provide funding for medical-surgical nurses to:

- Attend educational activities that foster personal and professional growth
- Seek medical-surgical nursing certification and recertification
- Pursue additional education toward a higher degree in nursing
- Nominate colleagues for clinical leader and practice awards
- Conduct nursing science research

**Composition**
1. Composition as outlined in Policy 4.1 – Volunteer Units.
2. Chairperson
3. Members (5)

**Responsibilities**
1. Assumes responsibilities as outlined in Policy 4.1 – Volunteer Units.
2. Determines the criteria, application, and selection processes for AMSN scholarships and awards as approved by the Board of Directors. (Does not include research grants.)
3. Promotes AMSN scholarships, grants and awards via AMSN communications.
4. Annually reviews applications submitted, and selects recipients using an objective, blinded scoring process. (Does not include research grants.)
5. Notifies recipients and distributes scholarships, grants, and awards.

**Selection and Term**
1. Selected as outlined in Policy 4.1 – Volunteer Units.
2. Term will be 1-2 years with opportunity for reappointment.

**Qualifications**
1. Meets criteria described in Policy 4.1 – Volunteer Units.
2. Ability and willingness to commit the necessary time to participate in committee activities. The estimated time commitment for the S&A Committee is 2-8 hours per month.
3. Daily access to the Internet and email and ability to download files.

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**History**

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