



Northwest Chicago Area Chapter
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

Awards and Scholarship Program

NWCAC's Mission and Vision statement promotes the growth and education of critical care and acute care nurses. As part of our mission, NWCAC recognizes the contributions of chapter members for the NWCAC activities they participate in.

Guidelines for Program

- Members will earn points based on individual involvement that will be converted to a dollar amount that each member may use towards an educational program/activity.
- In addition to an educational program/activity, the following items are eligible for reimbursement
 - Critical Care/Nursing Books
 - Nursing journals
 - Certification Fees
 - AACN dues
- The educational program/activity does not have to be NWCAC or AACN sponsored.
- In addition to conference fees, educational funds may be used for travel and lodging for the educational program.
- The accrual period for points is July 1 to June 30.
- Points/funds earned may be carried over for **one year** only. If the funds are not utilized, the member will forfeit the points/funds.
- Reimbursement will only be for personal monies expended. Reimbursement will not be provided for items reimbursed by other organizations or hospitals.
- The member will submit a reimbursement application to obtain funds for the educational activity no later than the June Chapter meeting.

Exempt Status

Position	Funds Allocated
President	\$2000
President Elect	\$2000
Treasurer	\$2000
Treasurer-Elect	\$2000
Secretary	\$2000
Midwest Conference Chair	\$2000
Midwest Conference Program Chair	\$2000
BOD Position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past President • Midwest Conference Chair Elect • Program 	\$500

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Media Relations • Hospitality • Awards and Scholarships 	
Midwest Conference Committee Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration • Hotel Liaison • Vendors • Hospitality • Printing 	\$250
Board Learning Partner	\$150

Non-exempt Eligible Member Activities

Activity	Point Value
Attend NWCAC Chapter Meeting	5 points per meeting
Recruit a new NWCAC chapter member	5 points per member
Non-BOD member attendance at NWCAC BOD meeting	5 points per meeting
Participates in National AACN activity	25 points per activity
Maintain current AACN certification(s)	5 points per certification
Submit article for "Flutterwaves"	10 points per article
Participate in NWCAC sponsored Community activity	20 points per activity
Attend Midwest Conference Planning Committee meeting	5 points per meeting
Participate at Midwest Conference as planning committee member	20 points per day
Completion of higher degree in nursing (BSN/MSN)	25 points
Professional speaking engagement (nonpaid)	20 points per activity

For exempt status members, it is the expectation that the member attend 75% of general chapter and/or Midwest Conference meetings

To participate in the Awards and Scholarship program, a member must:

- Be a current National AACN member and is a member in good standing with NWCAC
- Submit receipts for all expenses requesting reimbursement by the June chapter meeting