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Purpose of Scholarship: Education

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Boston Chapter (BONS)

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Dear **Boston Chapter (BONS)**:

I am writing in response to your scholarship application. I am currently a Clinical Research Nurse at the Lowe Center for Thoracic Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and have been in this position for 2 years. Over the past 2 years, I have joined ONS and BONS as a new member (and recently joined the BONS program committee), attended conferences on topics from palliative care to mindfulness and nurse empowerment at the workplace, and obtained OCN certification (with the help of a BONS-administered review course in November). My employer also provides frequent CE opportunities through our Nursing and Patient Care Services department, which has enabled me to learn a little about a wide range of topics in cancer care, from CAR-T cell toxicity to financial toxicity to health literacy across different patient populations.

I am applying for this scholarship to help finance an MSN-FNP program I will begin in March 2021. As an FNP, I hope to continue to build upon my oncology nursing practice, making use of the expanded powers of the master's-prepared nurse to take on a more advanced role in the service of the oncology patient. As a new FNP, I would like to remain in the lung cancer clinic serving our adult patient population and growing in my practice alongside the nurse practitioners from whom I've already learned so much in my current position.

As I advance in my practice, I want to help bring the resources of a large academic medical center to community health care settings, doing my part to reduce the health disparities that haunt cancer incidence and mortality nationwide. In the service of this long-term vision, I will use my formal education to advance my experience of community cancer care, and to share that experience with my colleagues in the clinic and in professional organizations. As a BONS program committee member, I will

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use the knowledge I gain in this master's program to help plan educational chapter events, like the OCN review I attended last November, as well as social events that enhance interconnectedness in the Boston oncology nursing community. I have already joined the program committee for this coming year and look forward to connecting with and learning from BONS nurses throughout this experience.

If awarded a BONS scholarship, I agree to serve on the Program Committee in the following year or provide a presentation to the BONS membership.

I look forward to discussing my application with you. I have enclosed my resume for your review, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Sheridan Aspinwall, BSN, RN, OCN