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Purpose of Scholarship: ONS Congress Trip

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Boston Chapter (BONS)

Oncology Nursing Society

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Dear **Boston Chapter (BONS)**:

I am writing in response to your scholarship application. I am currently a Newly Licensed Research Nurse Resident at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and have been in this position for the last 6 months. Over the past 2 years, I have been finishing my nursing degree; I am ELNEC certified and have CE credits from various ONS essentials courses.

During my first year as a Registered Nurse, I have learned to use my inexperience as a strength rather than a weakness. I am told by my mentors to be “like a sponge”, to absorb everything that I hear and see. Every nurse that I have met at Dana-Farber has a unique personal history that ties them to oncology nursing; this has encouraged me to learn from each and every one of my colleagues’ experiences, and has provided me the opportunity to network with nurses who have specialized in numerous breadths of cancer care.

If I were given the opportunity to attend ONS Congress and further nurture my budding passion for oncology care, I would be able to further my networking skills, benefit from the experience of my peers, and use what I learn to form a strong base for my future in the profession of nursing. I am committed to empowering new generations of nurses and to improving the state of healthcare as a whole, and I believe that through open collaboration and shared experiences in environments like the one created at ONS Congress, this goal can become a reality. If the Boston chapter is generous enough to grant me funding to attend congress, I would give back not only by presenting or serving on the Program Committee, but also by committing to being the best oncology nurse I can be and using my experiences to give back to my community in a large and impactful way.

***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,

Samantha Ficociello