



February 11, 2019

Dear Prospective C.A.R.E.S. Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in UOAA's Conference Attendee Reimbursement of Expenses Sponsorship (C.A.R.E.S.) Program. As you know, our 7th National Conference is being held August 6-10, 2019 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. UOAA offers C.A.R.E.S. sponsorships to current members of UOAA's Affiliated Support Groups (ASGs) who wish to attend a UOAA biennial National Conference but who need financial assistance.

This year's awards will be \$600.00 per person, paid to help reimburse lodging and transportation expenses for the individual who applies. A C.A.R.E.S. Selection Committee, overseen by UOAA's Management Board of Directors, will review all applications. Please review the Program Information and Applicant Criteria document for complete details before applying.

The deadline for receipt of applications is April 8, 2019. Please complete your application and turn it in to your ASG President, who will sign the application, and submit it to UOAA. All successful applicants will be notified of their sponsorship no later than April 30, 2019.

Application Instructions:

- 1) Fill out the application form completely and sign it.
- 2) In 500 words or less, explain how attending conference will assist you in adjusting to your ostomy surgery, and why a sponsorship is necessary for you to be able to attend. Essays must be typed or printed neatly and submitted with the completed application.
- 3) Applicant must have the completed application signed by their ASG President.
- 4) Application and applicant's statement are to be mailed to UOAA's Office: PO Box 525 Kennebunk, ME 04043. Email submissions may be sent to oa@ostomy.org. Applications must be received no later than April 8, 2019.

Again, thank you for your interest!

Sincerely,

Susan Burns
President