**THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES**

**CAROLYN AZBELL RESEARCH AWARD**

**Guidelines for the Research/Evidence-based Practice Award**

The Ohio Association of School Nurses is pleased to be able to offer a Research Award to an OASN member or a research team that includes an OASN member and demonstrates excellence in conducting research and/or evidence-based practice (EBP) related to school nursing. Proposals for new and on-going research/EBP will be considered. The purpose of this award is to:

1. Stimulate research/EBP which will improve the quality of school nursing care.
2. Provide funding for new school nurse researchers or new areas of investigative interest for established school nurse researchers.
3. Recognize outstanding research/EBP efforts that have involved expenses for school nurse researchers.

The total amount of the award will be a maximum of $500 per year depending on the present status of the OASN Education and Research Endowment Fund. The number of awards granted will depend on the qualified applications received and their financial requests. Funds are available for 1 year.

The Deadline for submission of proposals is January 15th of the current application year.

Award recipients will be expected to make a presentation regarding their research/EBP topic at the next scheduled OASN conference and submit an abstract to the Professional Practice Committee at the completion of their completed project. This becomes the property of OASN and will be filed in their records. Funds will be distributed at that time.

**GUIDELINES FOR RESEACH/EBP PROPOSALS:**

1. All applicants must be current members of OASN.

2. The Professional Practice Committee will give priority to school health proposals that relate to the: National Health Goals, current Healthy People Objectives, and current NASN Research Priorities.

3. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with other school nurses and research teams.

4. All research/EBP must meet the national standards for the protection of human subjects, and have IRB approval. A copy of the IRB approval should be submitted with application.

5. The proposal should be submitted in APA format and should be no more than 5 pages.

6. A Cover Page and References must be included.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

Electronic transmission of applications in Word Format is requested.

Submit: awards@oasn.org by January 15th