Dear Members,

Spring is here and the sun is finally making an appearance in Ohio! I am so happy I can officially push the winter blah’s to the curb. I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy! So many exciting things are in the works here at APGNN so I hope you read this entire newsletter to see how your Board members are working hard for you!

The Board of Directors had another successful, productive retreat in Phoenix, Arizona this winter. We built upon our work from last year, focusing our priorities on recruitment of new members and engagement and retention of current members. The mission of APGNN is the promotion of professional development and recognition of pediatric nurses as experts in their field, as well as the promotion of excellence in the care of families with children with gastrointestinal and nutritional illnesses. At the retreat, each committee developed actionable goals, which support our mission and strategies to reach those goals. In turn, we hope this translates into great opportunities for all nurses involved in pediatric gastroenterology. If you have colleagues that aren’t involved in APGNN, please direct them to our website www.APGNN.org so they can see what we have to offer.

This year, our annual meeting will be in Chicago. While it is not until October 18th and 19th, it is time to start thinking about abstract submissions, scholarships and awards. We would like this year to be our best year yet for poster abstracts! This is the time to showcase all you do every day to improve patient care. It is always exciting to learn from each other. Sara and Kerri are working very hard with NASPGHAN to make submission of abstracts much easier, but if you have ANY questions about the process please reach out to them for help. With regards to awards and scholarships, all information and applications are posted on the website. Consider nominating a co-worker for the Excellence in Mentoring award or the Excellence in Nursing Practice award. I know there are many worthy nominees amongst us, so please take the time to recognize one of your colleagues.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter. If we are working on something that interests you and you would like to be a part of the team, reach out to the program chair and she will make sure you are included in the project. #themorethemerrier #strengthinnumbers

Warm regards,

Amy Donegan APRN
APGNN President
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ELECT

Happy Spring!

Your Board members are working hard and fast at getting our annual conference together. It is truly amazing how much work and time is involved in this – and in my opinion so very worth it! Our conference is only 6 months away, and I hope everyone is looking forward to it! More than the education offered, so much more can be gained from meeting your colleagues, fellow APGNN members from around the country. This offers a strength and a sense of community you cannot find anywhere else. Each of us can always have a voice, contribute, and truly make a difference by getting involved.

Teresa Carroll, APRN
President Elect

“start each day with a grateful heart”

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

The APGNN annual budget has been developed along with the conference budget. By far our annual conference is the biggest expense usually running around $25,000 for approximately 100 attendees. I am appealing to all members to reach out to any company representatives you have contact with to solicit funds for our upcoming annual meeting. If you can make the contact and gauge any interest either myself or other Board members would be happy to follow up with them. We are grateful for support in previous years from the formula companies in particular. The third edition of the clinical handbook is currently under review and on target to be ready by the fall 2019 annual meeting. Thanks to all our generous member authors who are giving of their time and expertise freely for this project and Mead Johnson for underwriting the production. If you any questions about the above topics please email rosemary.pauley@boystown.org

As of March 1, 2019 TOTAL ASSETS = $ 80,237.67
Checking Account Balance $ 25,135.62
Savings Account Balance $ 55,102.05

PROGRAM

The Program Committee has made great progress since our initial meeting in Florida last October! We reviewed the evaluations carefully and have worked hard to ensure we are providing excellent speakers to meet the needs of our APGNN members. It seems that several of you desire more knowledge on building resilience in our pediatric population. You also requested talks on IBD (ethics and transition), current guidelines for functional GI disorders, obesity, and liver disease. We have international speakers that will cover these topics and more. We are moving forward with objectives and hope to have the initial program agenda by early summer. Don’t forget that scholarships are available to help with conference costs. Visit the APGNN website for more information on how to apply.

Fall is a beautiful time to visit Chicago. The weather is typically mild and it’s an easy location to get to from anywhere in the country. I hope you are already making plans to join us for this amazing conference.

Nannette Blois-Martin
Program Chair
APGNN Wants You!

Consider being a candidate, or nominating another member, for the following 2019 board positions:

President Elect – 6 year term total

Secretary/Treasurer – 3 year term

Patient and Family Education - 2 year term

See page 8 for additional details…
MEDI A COMMITTEE

Spring is finally here in Cleveland!!!

Birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and baseball is in full swing! Before you know it summer will be here and it will be time to hit the pool with a good book!

The website updates continue to be a work in progress and several education videos are currently being uploaded to use in clinic and share with families. The new conference scholarship applications have been updated so please take advantage of the many opportunities available!

If you have something at your center you want to highlight or you’ve done something amazing you want to share, please let me know and I will get it out there!! Just email me at sharon.perry@uhhospitals.org

- Sharon Perry, Media Chair

PATIENT AND FAMILY EDUCATION

The Patient & Family Education Committee is in the process of developing educational handouts for various GI testing, including gastric emptying studies, abdominal ultrasounds, pH impedance testing, and Upper GI series to name a few. The Committee is also expanding information about functional GI disorders as well as 504 plan accommodations. Once the content is approved by NASPGHAN, it will be available on GIKids.org as well as the APGNN website. We hope you find these helpful!

We are now accepting applications for the Excellence in Education Award! Please consider applying, as your day to day work should be highlighted and rewarded. The recipient will receive travel funds for the annual conference in Chicago and an opportunity to present. Check out the application on the website and email me with any questions!

~ Elizabeth Burch, CPNP
Patient & Family Education Committee Chair

“you are gold, baby. Solid gold”
MEMBERSHIP

The winner of the 2019 raffle for members who renewed their membership and new members who joined in the first quarter of the year is Amanda Beranek! She is a nurse practitioner in the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Division at the Children’s Hospital and Medical Center of Omaha. Congratulations Amanda!!

WELCOME New Members:

Erica Annotti  Tracee Saslowsky
Jazmine Bustos   Courtney Stone
Karle Robinson   Kristin Madden
Rhys Davis   Victoria Powell
Haley Estrem   Samantha Stephenson
Tracy Prestel   Molly Brogdon
Mary Kennedy   Emily Hernandez
Sonya Morton   Sonya Morton
Kelly Shiron   Elizabeth Burbage
Megan Calvert

MEET OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Randa Samaha

Randa graduated from The University of Virginia with her Bachelors in Nursing in 2009. She began her nursing career in the PICU at Duke University and then moved back home to Northern Virginia and worked at INOVA Fairfax Hospital in the PICU, later transferring to the Endoscopy suite pursing her interest in gastroenterology. While working as a procedure nurse, she completed her Masters in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner at George Washington University. During this time, she also became active with Improve Care Now, a collaborative community of patients, parents, clinicians, and researchers working together to improve the care of youth with inflammatory bowel disease.

Upon graduating from George Washington University, she moved to New York City to work at The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore in the Division of Gastroenterology. Wanting to further specialize in inflammatory bowel diseases, she accepted a position as a Clinical Program Manager at the Susan and Leonard Feinstein Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinic at Mt. Sinai hospital in New York City where she cares for patients of all ages with Crohn’s Disease and ulcerative colitis.

Randa is proud to be part of APGNN, an organization that includes some of the top nursing leaders in gastroenterology and nutrition and thanks her long time mentor, Bernadette Diez, and APGNN mentor, Ryan Shonce, for their guidance and support!

Charlotte Montero

I work at Children’s Hospital Colorado as a nurse in the Digestive Health Institute Department. I have been in this department for 6 years. I have been a nurse for 16 years. I have 3 kiddos aged 6, 3, and 1 year old. I like going to Broncos games with my husband, reading, running, yoga snowboarding, and cooking. I love working in GI because I get to work with some amazing nurses, dietitians, and providers. I have learned so much over the years. I enjoy coordinating education for staff and working on telephone triage guidelines.

Randa is working on our mentorship program while Charlotte is working on expanding our LISTSERV to better serve our APGNN community
I SAID MENTEE, NOT MANATEE.

Join the APGNN mentorship program and enhance your professional and personal development. Together, share and gain experience, expertise, and knowledge.

WHAT TO EXPECT AS A MENTEE:
- Advice on developing strengths.
- Exposure to new ideas.
- Guidance on professional development and career advancement.
- Opportunities to develop new skills and knowledge.
- Increased visibility and recognition.

WHAT TO EXPECT AS A MENTOR:
- Recognition as an expert and leader.
- Personal development of leadership and coaching styles.
- Exposure to new ideas.
- Going above and beyond the job description.

APPLY AT APGNN.ORG

Email Bernadette Diez, membership chair, for more information bdiez@psvcare.org
RESEARCH & QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Have you considered applying for an APGNN abstract/poster presentation for the annual conference in Chicago 2019? It is simpler than you think. As a nurse or advance practice practitioner we use literature-based evidence to guide clinical inquiry in the fields of direct care, education and quality improvement/research. Consider your clinical practice to guide ideas for an abstract. Have you changed clinical practice through the development of a clinical care guideline, policy or procedure, telephone triage protocol or educational tool or map? Have you developed a new program to improve patient workflow or outcomes? Have you added allied health professionals, new staff or worked with an interdisciplinary team to enhance clinical practice? Do you have a unique educational model for staff or families? Have you developed a model to transition patients to adult care? All these concepts are ideas or stepping stones to writing an abstract/poster. An abstract summarizes a body of work nurses touch to advance nursing knowledge in the field of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.

The Research Committee is available to assist you with the process of abstract development and submission. Please reach out to us; our goal is to improve the visibility of nursing’s contribution at NASPGHAN. Let’s beat last year’s number of 11 APGNN abstracts!

Do you have an idea or question that you would like to explore further? Did you know that APGNN offers a nursing research grant? The Susan Moyer Research Grant is a one-year grant available to pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition nurses. The purpose of this grant is to support research and quality improvement activities that have the potential to advance the nursing care of patients and families of children with gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, pancreatic or nutritional disorders. Nurses are the frontline identifiers of clinical practice variations to promote clinical inquiry. Conducting well designed quality improvement and research will aid in ensuring patients receive optimal evidence-based care. Florence Nightingale said it best; “unless we are making progress in our nursing every year, every month, every week, take my word for it, we are going back”. If you have an idea but need some help developing it, the Research Committee is available to guide you.

The NASPGHAN/APGNN submission site for poster abstracts and grant applications is currently open.

Information on the Susan Moyer Research Grant may be found here

The research committee’s next meeting is April 18, 2019 6PM EST. We hope you will be able to join us.

Sara Fidanza, MS, RN, CNS-BC, CPNP-PC  Kerri Fournier, BSN, RN, CPN
Co-Chairs, APGNN Research Committee
Seeking formal board member nominations!

APGNN will be searching for candidates for several open board positions: President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Patient and Family Education, and Research. Outside of Secretary/Treasurer, which is a 3 year term, all positions are a two year commitment. Each candidate must have been a full member of APGNN for one year preceding each election, and have a minimum of one year experience in pediatric gastroenterology and/or nutrition and must be in good standing (dues paid for the calendar year) prior to placing their name on the ballot. If you would like to nominate yourself, OR you have a colleague in mind that you would like me to personally reach out to, please let me know. I can assure you it is a fun and rewarding volunteer position that will enhance your professional experience! The deadline for nomination is May 17th at 5 PM. Please email me the name, email address and position interested in for any possible candidates! I will then be verifying eligibility and sending out "Meet the Candidate" info early this summer for a formal vote in August. Winners will be announced prior to our annual conference!

Check our website if you would like to learn more or email me directly at ryan.shonce@atriumhealth.org

Clinical Practice

The APGNN Clinical Practice Committee has been working on our main projects for the year.

We have completed rough drafts of two Basic Liver Disease modules and are in the process of finalizing them. When completed they will be available on the APGNN website for CE credit. If you have any liver expertise or are good at editing, please let me know.

We have been working together to create a "Boot Camp" for nurses and advanced practices providers new to GI. This curriculum will be split into topics relevant to the new provider. We have chosen constipation and malnutrition to start. With each topic we are collecting all resources currently available from APGNN and NASPGHAN. We will then edit the information to apply to our APGNN audience and decide what else is needed to be able to complete Certificate of Training for that particular topic. This could possibly include guidelines, PowerPoint education slides, webinars, or videos. The completed curriculum will be available on the APGNN website for all members to access and complete. APGNN is very fortunate to have the NASPGHAN Clinical Care and Quality Committee partner with us on this initiative. We are excited to work along with them.

We are also in the process of updating the APGNN telephone triage protocols on the APGNN website.

As a board, we are excited about these projects and the impact they will have on the current and future APGNN members.

I am actively looking for members to join the Clinical Practice Committee to help with these projects. If you would like to join the Clinical Practice Committee and help in creating this curriculum or any other current projects, please contact me at dkgarner@texaschildrens.org

We are in need of more Clinical Practice Committee Members in order to complete our projects in progress. If you have any ideas for future projects please contact me.

Best regards,
Donna Garner
Clinical Practice Chair
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants Name: _____________________________

Present Address: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

Home: _____________________________

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Applicants Name: _____________________________

Present Address: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

Home: _____________________________

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants Name: _____________________________

Present Address: _____________________________

Phone: _____________________________

Home: _____________________________
Abbott Nutrition Travel Scholarship
Guidelines for Submission/Evaluation

Deadline for application submission: September 1, 2019

The 2019 APGNN Meeting will be held October 18-19th in Chicago, IL

Purpose
To provide financial assistance for selected individuals to attend APGNN’s Conference, therefore, supporting the educational development of the organization’s members.

Eligibility
Applicant must be a full APGNN member with no outstanding dues.
Submission of a nutrition based poster or oral abstract (3 scholarships).
One scholarship will be awarded to a new member, defined as a person who has joined APGNN as a full member during or after the previous APGNN Conference.

Selection Criteria
The APGNN Research Committee, the Clinical Practice Committee and the Executive Board will review the applications and submitted abstracts. Criteria for the selection of the 3 scholarships are outlined below. One scholarship will be awarded via random selection by the Membership Committee Chair. This member must be a new member to APGNN (see eligibility).

Award Process
Four scholarships of up to $1250 each will be awarded to support conference expenses. This is intended to cover the cost of the conference, travel, and hotel expenses. Receipts will be submitted to the APGNN Secretary/Treasurer, and the applicant will be reimbursed.
Applicants will be notified of acceptance via email.

Criteria Used In Evaluating Applicants
New member application with description of how the scholarship and attendance to the annual meeting can be applied in daily practice will be reviewed by Membership Committee Chair. Oral or Poster presentation applications related to nutrition in the area of clinical practice, research or professional education will be considered. The application and submitted abstract will be reviewed with attention to the following areas:
- Knowledge of subject matter
- Evidenced based information
- How item of interest is related to nutrition

Electronically submit application form or abstract to Kerri Fournier or Sara Fidanza, APGNN Research Co-Chairs at Kerri.Fournier@childrens.harvard.edu or Sara.Fidanza@childrenscolorado.org no later than September 1, 2019
PRESENTATION APPLICATION FORM

Member Name: _________________________________________________________

Poster/Presentation Title: _______________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Brief description of the subject matter:

Discuss the role of nutrition as it relates to the subject matter, how it will be applied to patient education or clinical practice:

Electronically submit application form or abstract to Kerri Fournier or Sara Fidanza, APGNN Research Co-Chairs at Kerri.Fournier@childrens.harvard.edu or Sara.Fidanza@childrenscolorado.org no later than September 1, 2019
NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

Member Name: _____________________________________________________________

When did you join APGNN? ________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Brief description how this travel scholarship and attendance to the annual meeting can be applied to your daily practice/work:

Electronically submit application form or abstract to Kerri Fournier or Sara Fidanza, APGNN Research Co-Chairs at Kerri.Fournier@childrens.harvard.edu or Sara.Fidanza@childrenscolorado.org no later than September 1, 2019.
APGNN Conference Scholarship
Guidelines for Submission/Evaluation

Deadline for application submission: August 1, 2019

The 2019 APGNN Meeting will be held October 18-19 in Chicago, Illinois

Multidisciplinary approaches to pediatric gastroenterology problems will be highlighted during the conference. Selected topics for nurses as well as interdisciplinary sessions will be offered.

Purpose

To provide financial assistance for selected individuals to attend APGNN's Conference, therefore, supporting the educational development of the organization's members.

Eligibility

At the time of application submission, must be a full or associate APGNN member for at least 6 months and with no outstanding dues.

Selection Criteria

Three APGNN Board Members will review the applications and determine 2-4 candidates who best plan to apply the conference information to their practices.

Award Process

Two full members and one associate member will be awarded financial support for conference tuition and hotel accommodations for 2 nights shared hotel room or 1 night single room.

Criteria Used In Evaluating Applicants

- Creativity
- Practicality
Impact on patients, families and colleagues
APPLICATION FORM

Name: ________________________________ Title(s): ________________________________

Place of Employment: ________________________________

Present Job Title: ________________________________

Describe below how you plan to apply the conference content you anticipate learning into your practice (please limit to 200 words):

Electronically submit to Bernadette Diez, APGNN Membership Chair, bdiez@psycare.org no later than August 1
Recognizing Education Programs of Distinction:

Purpose: To honor, recognize, and promote excellence in pediatric GI nursing educational activities that improve patient care and provide educational ideas/templates for use with colleagues at APGNN and NASPGHAN. This will in turn help APGNN achieve its objective to be the recognized leaders in GI nursing and family education by members, physicians, nurses, and healthcare consumers.

Award: The winner will be invited to present his/her program at the APGNN Annual Conference. Funding will be provided for conference expenses and includes up to $500 for travel, 2 nights hotel stay at conference rate, and complimentary APGNN conference registration. Details about the educational project will be featured in the APGNN newsletter, website, and will be presented to APGNN members and/or the public for dissemination and use.

Eligibility: Any APGNN member or other pediatric gastroenterology nurse/nurse practitioner who has designed and implemented an educational activity (patient/family, peer, or community) that addresses an unmet need may apply. The project may be an individual or collaborative effort where the applicant has held a leadership role or been an integral part of the endeavor.

Coaching: Board members, independent of the judging panel, will be available to help identify and coach applicants through the process. The primary coach will be the APGNN Patient & Family Education Committee Chair.

Application Submission:

Deadline: August 1, 2019

Submission: Applications should be submitted in PDF format to the APGNN Patient & Family Education Committee Chair (Elizabeth Burch: elizabeth.burch@childrens.harvard.edu).

Application: Please describe the following regarding your project:
- What unmet educational need does your project address?
- How is your project innovative?
- What were the outcomes of your project? What lessons were learned throughout the process, such as feedback received for future improvements?
- Is the project able to be reproduced and widely applicable?
- Please identify evidence-based resources used to help develop and implement your project.
Judging Criteria:

Each application will be evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of the APGNN President, APGNN President Elect, APGNN Clinical Practice Chair, a nurse educator, and a physician. All applications will be blinded (will not be identified to the judging panel). A point system will be utilized to determine the rankings:

1. Needs Assessment: A specific, well-characterized need was identified using current references and objective criteria (20 points)
2. Project Innovation: Innovation is defined as addressing an old need in a new way or new need that was previously not addressed (20 points)
3. Outcomes: Outcomes were measurable, met, and relevant to the identified need. If outcomes were not met, reflection / learning lessons for the future were discussed (20 points)
4. Impact: The educational program is reproducible and widely applicable (20 points)
5. Evidenced-Based: The project was based on current, evidence-based research and clearly cited (20 points)

Nominations:
You may nominate someone for this award, however nominees will be required to complete the application. If you wish to nominate someone, please email the following information to the APGNN Patient & Family Education Committee Chair (elizabeth.burch@childrens.harvard.edu):

- Your name
- Your email address
- Name of nominee
- Nominee’s phone number and email address
- Reason for nomination

Questions:

Please contact the Patient & Family Education Committee Chair, Elizabeth Burch, should you have any questions. She can be reached via email at elizabeth.burch@childrens.harvard.edu
APGNN Excellence in Mentoring Award
Guidelines for Submission/Evaluation

Deadline for submission of nominations: August 1, 2019

Purpose
The mentor award was established to honor mentors of APGNN members who support nursing excellence and professional development; to identify role model mentors; to heighten awareness of the need for mentoring; and to encourage broader mentoring participation in pediatric gastroenterology and nutrition.

Eligibility
Served as a mentor to an APGNN member during the past 36 months

Submission Criteria-All nominations must include
- Two-page (typed, approximately 250 words) letter of nomination that enumerates the ways in which the mentor reflects the purpose of the award; fostering your career development through scholarship, teaching and advocacy
- Curriculum vitae of nominee
- Your name and contact information

Award Process
Award to be determined by current Membership Committee Members. The recipient will be awarded a commemorative plaque or certificate and a check in the sum of $250.00 during the annual APGNN meeting to be presented by his/her nominating APGNN member.

Criteria Used In Evaluating Nominees
- Respects goals and assists in professional development; inspires, encourages, supports essential strategies for life success
- Actively guides and assists with clinical work, research and/or education; articulates and encourages high standards
- Accessible for advice and assistance; takes time to ensure guidance is provided
- Actively seeks financial or other support for education, research or clinical activities
- Actively involves APGNN member in clinical, educational and/or research activities
- Actively involves APGNN member in professional conferences and/or publications
- Provides assistance to overcome problems or barriers to ongoing professional development
- Helps to ‘network’ with other relevant professionals
- Alerts to career opportunities; helps secure and/or advance employment opportunities
- Is a strong advocate for pediatric GI/nutrition nurses
- Provides excellent model of professionalism

Electronically submit to Bernadette Diez, APGNN Membership Chair, bdiez@psycare.org no later than August 1, 2019.
**APGNN Excellence in Nursing Practice**  
**Guidelines for Submission/Evaluation**

**Deadline for submission of nominations: August 1, 2019**

**Purpose**

This award is established to acknowledge and honor APGNN members in good standing that excel in the care of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition patients.

**Eligibility**

Has been an APGNN member during the past 36 months

**Submission Criteria—All nominations must include**

- One- to two-page (typed, approximately 250 word) letter of nomination that enumerates the ways in which the APGNN member reflects the purpose of the award; fostering practice, teaching and/or advocacy
- Curriculum vitae of nominee
- APGNN Nominator’s name, professional credentials and contact information

**Award Process**

Award to be selected by members of the APGNN Executive Board and coordinated by the Membership Committee Chairperson. The recipient will be awarded a commemorative plaque and a check in the sum of $250.00 during the annual APGNN meeting to be presented by his/her nominating APGNN member.

**Criteria Used In Evaluating Nominees**

- Provides excellent model of professionalism
- Has expanded the role of nursing in gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition
- Assists nursing colleagues in professional development. Actively guides and assists with clinical work, research and/or education; articulates and encourages high standards
- Accessible for advice and assistance as a mentor for those new to the specialty and takes time to ensure guidance is provided
- Is actively involved as an APGNN member in clinical, educational and/or research activities
- Provides assistance to overcome problems or barriers to ongoing professional development
- Collaborates with other disciplines

Electronically submit to Bernadette Diez, APGNN Membership Chair bdiez@psvcare.org no later than August 1, 2019.
NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/APGNN SUSAN MOYER NURSING RESEARCH GRANT

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2019

Description: This one-year grant is available to pediatric gastroenterology, nutrition and hepatology nurses to support research and/or quality improvement (QI) activities that have the potential to advance nursing care of patients and families of children with gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, pancreatic or nutritional disorders. Monies are awarded in support of meritorious research and/or QI projects to study the nursing care of families and children with pediatric gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary, pancreatic or nutritional disorders.

Grant Term and Stipulations: The NASPGHAN Foundation will award up to 3 grants ranging from $500 to $5000 for one year to the successful applicant. Institutional indirect costs are not allowed. Funds for grants awarded in 2019 will be disbursed about December 15. All publications resulting from work supported by the NASPGHAN Foundation must acknowledge their support. The awardee must attend the NASPGHAN Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL October 16-19, 2019 to accept the award. Dissemination of the research and/or QI findings will be expected of the recipient via presentation at the 2020 Annual meeting and via publication.

Eligibility:

APGNN applicant must:
- Be the primary investigator or a co-investigator in the study.
- Be a Registered Nurse with a minimum of a Bachelor Degree.
- Be a full member of APGNN in good standing and maintain membership for the duration of the grant and research and/or QI process.
- Be employed, either full time or part time and have a sustained interest in the field of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Nursing in the United States of America, Mexico or Canada.
- Not have R01, CIHR, P01 (or similar) grant funding; recipients of US mentored grants such as a K08, K23, or equivalent Canadian and Mexican National Foundation grants are eligible to apply.
- Not hold funding from any granting agency for a project with overlapping scientific objectives at the time the GRANT is made or during the one-year period of the GRANT.
- Women and persons from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, as well as individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
- Submit application in English.
- Plan to obtain approval from their Institutional Review Board/Review Ethics Board if applicable. Monies will not be distributed until IRB approval is obtained or a IRB letter is submitted indicating the study is exempt from IRB review, with the exception of those IRB’s requiring upfront fees with the initial application.

Review Procedures: The APGNN Research Committee, the APGNN president and two members of the NASPGHAN Research Committee and potentially other ad hoc reviewers as invited by the Research Committee will review applications for the grants. Primary emphasis is given to scientific strengths and innovation of the proposed work, impact on nursing care of children and families and commitment of the applicant and applicant’s employing institution. Members of the review panel will follow strict conflict of interest guidelines. Contact between the applicant and committee members regarding applications is strictly prohibited and will lead to potential disqualification.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
FAILURE TO ADHERE STRICTLY TO THESE GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR APPLICATION

Applications for the NASPGHAN FOUNDATION/ Susan Moyer Research GRANT for APGNN must be submitted on or before July 1, 2019 through the NASPGHAN Foundation website.

Completed applications must include the following:

1. A biographical sketch or curriculum vitae of the project leader. This should include the educational background and relevant professional experience of the principal investigator, including any prior experience in research and/or QI.

2. The research and/or QI plan structured according to the NIH format as outlined below with 1/2-inch margins. Times New Roman or Arial font no less than 11 point are required. Page limitations and style requirements are strictly enforced. (No application more than THREE single spaced pages will be reviewed. References are not included in this maximum page count).

   - Objective and hypothesis-State clearly the purpose of the study including how the project makes an original contribution to nursing care of children & families within our specialty; state concisely what the research and/or QI project is intended to accomplish and/or what hypothesis will be tested
   - Needs assessment-why is this project important; provide the background for your project; evaluate existing knowledge & identify gaps that your project is intended to fill
   - Budget ($500-$5000). Include a detailed description that includes personnel, supplies, computer costs, stipends, etc.
   - How the plan will be implemented and by whom
   - Tools and/or instruments (i.e. questionnaire)-address how any tool will be used; any instrument used should be included in the appendix.
   - Procedure-describe the procedure(s) to be used for proposed data collection
   - Target population-describe the target population & characteristics of the subjects, the rationale for sample size, the sampling procedure & the setting for data collection
   - Outcome measures-what you specifically plan to assess or develop; next steps based on your outcome