



2022 Scholarship Information (Application deadline 8/1/22)

The Coalition for Baccalaureate and Graduate Respiratory Therapy Education (CoBGRTE) was formed to help students, faculty, and the public learn about baccalaureate and graduate respiratory therapy education in the United States of America. The CoBGRTE Board of Directors has voted to continue to make scholarship money available to help support school expenses for students enrolled in BSRT or MSRT programs.

There are three categories of scholarship, Merit (8-\$1000), the Dr. Craig Smallwood Research Scholarship (1-\$2000), and the Tom Malinowski Research/Leadership Award (1-\$2000). Dr. Craig Smallwood was an avid supporter of CoBGRTE, the AARC, the respiratory profession and research. The scholarship support honoring his memory, is intended to inspire bright and inquisitive minds in our profession to continue the work that he found to be so important. Tom Malinowski was an extraordinary therapist, manager, researcher, and leader who contributed significantly to our profession through his service on the CoBGRTE Board of Directors and the AARC. The research award in his honor will give preference to proposals from managers or individuals in management positions that are advancing respiratory care related clinical research. We hope that the recipients of these research awards will continue Dr. Smallwood's and Tom Malinowski's efforts to advance the respiratory care profession.

We hope that these monetary awards will support bright, innovative, and dedicated individuals as they embark on their professional journey. The application period for these scholarships opens on May 1, 2022 and closes on August 1, 2022.

Scholarships Available: Three categories of scholarships are available.

Merit Scholarships: Scholarship awards will be based on Academic Achievement, Service, Research Activities, and Awards and Honors. The committee expects to award eight \$1000 merit scholarships to either BSRT or MSRT students in 2022.

Craig Smallwood Research Scholarship: This research scholarship will be awarded based on the quality of an approved research proposal and budget designed to study any aspect of respiratory care. The committee expects to award a \$2000 research scholarship to a BSRT or MSRT student in 2022.

Tom Malinowski Leadership/Research Scholarship: This scholarship will be awarded to an individual in a manager or supervisory position whose proposal is advancing respiratory care clinical practice or research. The committee expects to award a \$2000 research scholarship to a clinician who is pursuing a baccalaureate or graduate degree in 2022.

Eligibility criteria: Applicants must be members of CoBGRTE

The successful candidate for Merit or the Smallwood Scholarship will be either a BSRT or MSRT entry-level student, enrolled in a degree advancement program, or pursuing a graduate degree relative to respiratory care. Applicants must be in good academic standing at a regionally accredited University. Scholarship awards are open to graduate students and full-time undergraduate students having completed one year of respiratory therapy major coursework.

The successful candidate for the Malinowski Award will be a CoBGRTE member who is a clinician in a management or supervisory position and whose proposal advances respiratory care practice or clinical research.

Submission guidelines: Application materials are due to the Chair of the Scholarship committee by August 1, 2022. Only complete applications will be considered. Applications require a support letter from the program director/coordinator.

Applicants for Merit scholarships are required to submit the following:

1. Official transcript verifying GPA and current enrollment in a RT program
2. Current professional resume
3. One-page essay that addresses the question of how CoBGRTE can accomplish its goal to increase the number of graduates from baccalaureate and graduate respiratory care educational programs.
4. Letter of recommendation from faculty member or Program Director/Chair.

Applicants for Smallwood Research scholarships are required to submit the following:

1. Research proposal and budget
2. The Research Scholarship proposal should include an introduction/literature review, methods and literature citations.
3. A letter from faculty adviser supporting the feasibility of the research proposal.
4. Current professional resume

Applicants for Malinowski Leadership/Research scholarships are required to submit the following:

1. Research proposal or Continuous Quality Improvement project and budget.
2. The proposal or project should include an introduction/literature review, methods and literature citations.
3. Current professional resume
4. Letter of support from departmental or hospital administration.

Notification of awards is expected to be made by September 1, 2022.

Submit application materials to:

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