



American College of Respiratory Therapy Education

2026 Scholarship Information

The American College of Respiratory Therapy Education (ACRTE) was formed to help students, faculty, and the public learn about respiratory therapy education in the United States of America. The ACRTE Board of Directors continues its commitment to make scholarship money available to members pursuing baccalaureate and graduate respiratory therapy education as either entry-level or degree advancement.

Scholarships Available: Four types of scholarships are available.

Merit Scholarships: Eligibility (AAS, BS and MS entry-level, BS and MS degree advancement) **must be ACRTE members at time of application.** Scholarship awards will be based on Academic Achievement, Service, Research Activities, Awards and Honors, and quality of submitted essay. The committee expects to award ten \$1000 merit scholarships to respiratory therapy students in 2026.

Smallwood Research Scholarship: Eligibility (AAS, BSRC and MSRC entry-level ACRTE member, BSRC and MSRC degree advancement ACRTE members. The research scholarship award will be based on the quality of an approved research proposal and budget designed to study any aspect of respiratory care. The committee expects to award one \$2000 research scholarship to a respiratory therapy student in 2026.

Malinowski Leadership/Research Scholarship: Eligibility (practicing therapist in a supervisory or lead position; BSRC or MSRC degree advancement or clinical research program; ACRTE member). This scholarship will be awarded to an individual in a manager, supervisory, or lead therapist 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 2026.

NBRC-supported Faculty Awards: Eligibility (RRT, ACRTE member, current faculty member or pursuing faculty position, enrolled in a doctoral program). The committee expects to award a total of \$25,000 in variable amounts of \$5000 to \$10,000 based on proposal/need. The committee expects to support as many qualified applicants as resources allow.

Eligibility criteria: ACRTE membership and meeting award criteria.

Submission guidelines: Application materials are due to the Chair of the Scholarship committee by October 1, 2026. Only complete applications will be considered.

Merit Scholarship Applicants must submit:

1. Unofficial transcript verifying current enrollment in RT program and GPA.
2. Current professional resume
3. One-page typed essay that addresses the question of how the ACRTE 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
5. Completed application form.

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

1. Research proposal and budget
2. The research proposal should include: literature review/hypothesis or research question/ specific aims/ project timeline.
3. A letter from faculty adviser supporting the feasibility of the research proposal.
4. Current professional resume.
5. Completed application form.

Applicants for Malinowski Leadership/Research scholarship 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.
5. Completed application form.

Applicants for NBRC-supported faculty awards are required to submit the following:

1. Proposal for use of requested funds.
2. The proposal or project should include a budget and/or justification for use of funds.
3. Current curriculum vitae.
4. Letter of support from Chair or Dean.
5. Completed application form.

Notification of awards is expected to be made by November 1, 2026.

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Please state your previous service to the Profession, University/College, Educational Program and/or Community, **that is not included on resume or CV**. If additional space is required, please type the additional service activities on another paper and attach it to this form.

Service Activity / Organization	Position (member, committee chair, committee member, officer, etc.)	Years of Service	Service Category (Professional, University/College, educational Program, Community)

Please state any research activities you have accomplished while specifying the scope of each research activity, which can include conducting, presenting and publishing research (**if not described in resume or CV**). If more space is needed, please type the additional research activity on another paper and attach to this form.

Description of Research Activity	Scope of Research Activity (conducting, presenting or publishing)	Years of Research Activity

I certify that the information stated on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

Date:

Submit application materials to:

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