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2024 National Conference Scholarship Recipient Spotlight



Jennifer Stefanich, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC
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We are pleased to recognize **Jennifer Stefanich, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC**, who was selected among three nominations to receive the **Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) 2024 National Conference Scholarship**. This \$1,500 scholarship provides Ohio Chapter members with the opportunity to attend the national NAPNAP conference. In 2024, the 45th National Conference on Pediatric Health Care was held from March 13–16, 2024, in Denver, Colorado.

The scholarship may be applied to costs associated with attending the national conference, such as registration fees and travel expenses. As part of the scholarship, recipients are asked to submit a post-conference summary to be shared with members through the Ohio Chapter's website, newsletter, and social media platforms.



Reflections from the Conference: Jennifer's Experience

To begin, I would like to express my gratitude to the board members of the Ohio Chapter of NAPNAP for selecting me to attend the national NAPNAP conference in Denver, Ohio. I am truly honored to receive this scholarship.

My attendance at this particular conference was prompted by my interest in how NAPNAP operated on a national level. I was impressed by the sheer number of multiple concurrent events and logistical organization that NAPNAP offered at this conference. Everything from room changes to group dinners were run seamlessly through their app, which I checked multiple times a day. I was able to learn about general updates to my practice during the general sessions and identified breakout sessions that were applicable to my subspecialty practice. The general sessions themselves were so well selected. A review of the updated immunization guidelines was particularly helpful, as these changes can sometimes be difficult to track.

One of my favorite parts of this conference was having the opportunity to volunteer as a room moderator. I was pleased that I was able to give back to the organization, even on a small scale, to help with the operations. I have very few criticisms to offer. While the *Exhibit Hall* was packed, I found very little of it applicable towards my practice. In fact, there was a high volume of recruiters present, which I found surprising. I was expecting more sponsored events outside of the conference, which made the out-of-pocket expenses higher than what I was expecting. However, there was a deluge of amazing restaurants to choose from in the downtown corridor and I had several exceptional experiences.

Denver was a lovely city to host this conference. Conference attendees were even blanketed with a snowstorm that did not stop operations at all. It was fun to hear the reactions of our colleagues in warmer climates react to the snow. If they only knew what we face in the Midwest! I met some wonderful NPs that I am looking forward to seeing again at future conferences.



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I am happy to discuss the details of this conference with anyone who would like more information. I'll be delighted to bring some ideas back to the Ohio NAPNAP conference planning committee. Again, thank you for the opportunity to attend.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Stefanich, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC