

2012 NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS

GENERAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

Application Requirement

In addition to filling out and submitting a scholarship application, all applicants must:

1. Successfully complete the first semester in a nursing program: practical nursing, ADN, BSN, MSN, advanced practice or doctoral program in nursing. The program/school must be a New Mexico Board of Nursing-approved program and/or a program accredited by NLN or AACN. For a complete list of approved NM schools, please visit the New Mexico Board of Nursing website at <http://www.bon.state.nm.us>. If the school is outside New Mexico, plans to practice in New Mexico must be stated in the applicant's essay.
2. Submit proof of academic ability.
 - a. Maintain at least an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - b. Submit one copy of current grade transcript with the application.
3. Present evidence of leadership and character references
 - a. Include two letters of recommendation. Letters must be from current nursing faculty and/or academic advisors.
 - b. Provide a copy of *Tips for Writing a Letter of Recommendation* on page 4 to those faculty /advisors writing your letters of recommendation.
4. A personal statement in brief essay form identifying why the applicant chose the nursing profession and why the applicant needs the scholarship. If the school is outside New Mexico, plans to practice in New Mexico must be stated in the applicant's essay.
5. Scholarships are limited to residents of New Mexico.

General Administrative Guidelines

1. Completed application for scholarship award must be postmarked and returned to the New Mexico Scholarship Committee no later than **February 1, 2012**
Applications can be mailed/dropped off to:
NMCNE/Nightingale Scholarships, 3200 Carlisle Blvd. NE, Suite 205, Albuquerque, NM 87110
Fax to: 505-889-4551 *Scan and email to:* admin@nmnursingexcellence.org
Questions? Call 505-889-4518 or email at admin@nmnursingexcellence.org
2. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the individual via a check sent to the Director of the nursing program or facility. Each recipient will be asked for a written acknowledgement of receipt of the award.
3. Applicants are responsible for meeting all requirements and for submitting all materials by the deadline.
4. Applicants may reapply in subsequent years.



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APPLICATION

Please **print or type**.

Date of Application _____

(Note: If you plan to fax or scan/send document as .pdf file, be sure printing is dark, as it tends to lighten in conversion.)

Full Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Present Address _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell/Work) _____

Email address _____

Single__ Married__ If married, spouse's name _____

Is spouse currently employed? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, where, and title of position

Information about the program you attending:

Check the Nursing Program in which you are currently enrolled:

Practical Nursing ADN BSN MSN Advanced Practice Doctoral Program in Nursing

Nursing School/College _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Name of Director/Dean/Chairperson _____

Currently enrolled in what term/level of this program? _____

*Please attach a separate typed **essay**, up to 2 pages in length, in which you describe the reason you chose the nursing profession, your personal and professional goals and why you are applying for this scholarship. If the school you attend is outside of New Mexico, please include in your essay your plans for practicing in New Mexico.*

Community/School Activities:

Please list and describe any community and/or school activities in which you participate. (Attach separate page if additional space is needed.)

Financial Information:

Are you currently employed? Yes___ No___

If yes, where do you work? _____

How many hours per week do you work? _____

Are you financially independent from your parents? Yes_____ No_____

Do you currently have, or do you plan to apply for, one or more of the following types of financial assistance to defray the cost of your education?

<u>Source of Assistance</u>	<u>Currently Have</u>	<u>Plan to Apply</u>
Pell (Federal grant)	_____	_____
GSL (Guaranteed Student Loan)	_____	_____
DVR (Division of Vocational Rehab)	_____	_____
EDD (Employment Development Office)	_____	_____
BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs)	_____	_____
SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant)	_____	_____
SIG (Student Incentive Grant)	_____	_____
NSL (Nursing Student Loan)	_____	_____
Work/Study	_____	_____
Service Organizations (Women's/Men's Clubs, Kiwanis, etc)	_____	_____
IHS (Indian Health Service)	_____	_____
Tribal	_____	_____
Other (Please list) _____	_____	_____

Dependents:

Please list age and relationship of children and/or adult dependents living at home:

Age

Relationship

To be considered for award you must include the following with your completed application:

- Transcript of grades (Preferably an official transcript) Two Letters of recommendation
- Essay Signature and date, signifying accuracy of all information.

Signature of applicant

Date

TIPS FOR WRITING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

NM Center for Nursing Excellence Nightingale Scholarship

You have been requested to write a letter of recommendation for a nursing student applying for a NM Center for Nursing Excellence Nightingale Scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded based on:

- Academic achievement (Applicant must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale)
- An essay written by the applicant on why they have chosen nursing as their area of study
- Character references (2)
- Financial need.

Because the committee makes decisions based on information provided, it is helpful for the committee to have the following information in your letter of recommendation:

- Context that you know the student (i.e. what is your relationship – clinical practice rotation, didactic course, faculty advisor, etc.)
- How long you have known the student.
- Characteristics you can highlight about this student (caring, leadership, commitment to the profession, clinical excellence, etc.)
- What else should we know about this student?