

# *Mary Ellen Hatfield* *School Nursing Scholarship Award*

## **RN Scholarship Award Eligibility Criteria**

The MaryEllen Hatfield School Nursing Scholarship Award (RN) will be given annually as funds are available. The scholarship award will be in the amount of \$1,000.

**To be eligible, the registered nurse applying for the scholarship award must:**

- ✓ Have a current and valid nursing license.
- ✓ Be currently practicing nursing in a school setting (K-12) in South Carolina.
- ✓ Be currently enrolled in a BSN program or a graduate program in Nursing or Public Health on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year scholarship application is submitted and have successfully completed 10 hours of undergraduate work towards a BSN or 12 hours of graduate course work.
- ✓ Have future career goals that include making a contribution to school nursing.

Note: It is preferred that applicants be a current member of a professional organization related to nursing, public health, community health or school health. Applicants may receive the scholarship award more than one time; however, preference will be given to applicants who have never received the scholarship award.

All complete nomination packets received by the deadline date of **October 1, 2016**, will be considered for the scholarship award. The State School Health Nurse Consultant will appoint a Selection Committee, comprised of five school nurses. The Selection Committee members, acting with complete regard for confidentiality, will consider all of the applications received by the deadline date. Each member of the Selection Committee will individually and independently review each application and select the applicant that s/he feels is most deserving of the scholarship award. Each Selection Committee member will submit the name of his/her choice for the Mary Ellen Hatfield School Nursing Scholarship Award to the State School Health Nurse Consultant. Votes will be tabulated to determine the recipient of the award. The results of the count will be reported to the Annual School Nurse Conference Planning Committee. Following final approval by the Conference Planning Committee, the application for the award recipient will be forwarded to the South Carolina Nurses Foundation (SCNF) for final processing. The scholarship award recipient and other applicants will be notified of the decision of the Selection Committee. A check made payable to the award recipient will be issued by the SCNF by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship recipients will be formally recognized at the Annual School Nurse Conference sponsored by the SC Department of Health & Environmental Control and the SC Department of Education. Conference attendance is not required in order to receive the scholarship award.