

2009-2010 MaryEllen 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 amount of the award will be dependent upon funding. The scholarship to be awarded during the 2009-2010 funding cycle will be in the amount of \$500.

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 on September 1, 2009 in a BSN program or a graduate program in Nursing or Public Health 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 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 MaryEllen 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 on or before November 30, 2009. Scholarship recipients will be formally recognized at the Awards Breakfast held on the morning of January 23, 2010 as part of the 29th Annual School Nurse Conference. Conference attendance is not required in order to receive the scholarship award.

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RN Scholarship Award Application**

Due: September 1, 2009

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Current Employer: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Employer's Phone Number: _____

Name and Address of college/university where currently enrolled: _____

Name of program in which currently enrolled (i.e., BSN, Community Health Nursing, MPH): _____

Hours Completed: _____ Current GPA: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

SEND THE FOLLOWING ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM:

- ____ 1. Two letters of reference (at least one from a current or past employer).
- ____ 2. Proof of enrollment and completion of 10 hours of undergraduate work towards a BSN or 12 hours of graduate course work (e.g., transcript, registrar's letter).
- ____ 3. Statement describing what you like about school nursing and how furthering your education will assist you in improving services to school-aged children and youth (up to two pages, one inch margins, 12 point font, double spaced, must be typed).
- ____ 4. Copy of your nursing license.
- ____ 5. Evidence of current membership in a professional organization (preferred; not required).

***PLEASE SUBMIT five (5) copies and the original application packet by
September 1, 2009***

Note: Five copies of the full application packet including all requested documentation and the original application packet must be received by the date shown above in order for your application to be considered. No faxed copies will be accepted.

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