

How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing 2011-2013

Seventh Edition

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A List of: Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, Awards, Forgivable Loans, and Other Sources of "Free Money" Set Aside to Support Study, Training, Research, and Creative Activities for Nursing Students. Plus, a Set of Five Indexes: Sponsor, Residency, Tenability, Specialty, and Deadline.

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Introduction

WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED

Nearly 500,000 new nurses will be needed by the year 2020, according to the latest projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Hundreds of financial aid programs, representing billions of dollars, are available to help students prepare for these jobs. But, how can beginning or continuing nursing students find out about the full range of these funding opportunities?

Traditional financial aid directories don't offer much assistance. For example, the landmark *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans* (published by Gale Cengage) and the eclectic *Scholarship Book* (published by Prentice-Hall) just begin to scratch the surface. And the other subject-specific listings, like *Free Money for Nursing Education* (published by Medical Resource) and *Scholarships and Loans for Nursing Education* (published by the National League for Nursing), or the various Internet sites tend to be outdated or selective and lacking in detail. As a result, many nursing students (along with the counselors and librarians trying to serve them) have been unaware of the more than 800 major scholarships, fellowships, awards, grants, forgivable loans, and other sources of "free money" available specifically to them.

Now, with this new edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* (previously published as *RSP Funding for Nursing Students and Nurses*), that has all changed. Here, in one place, you can find out about the wide array of funding programs set aside specifically to support study, research, creative projects, and other degree-related activities by nursing students at any level, from associate degree and diploma through the doctorate. All areas of nursing are covered, ranging from general practice to administration, anesthesiology, critical care, emergency, holistic health, long-term care, midwifery, nephrology, occupational health, oncology, operating room, orthopedic, pediatric, psychiatric, rehabilitative, school health, and many others.

There's no other listing, in print or online, that's as current or comprehensive as this. That's why *American Reference Books Annual* called it "an excellent source of funding information" and "a must-have," UNC's *Research Support Newsletter* described it as a "very useful resource," *Nursing Education Perspectives* named it as an "Essential Nursing Reference," and the Foundation Center's Learning Lab selected it as one of the "most important resources" available.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing, 2011-2013 is unique. Not only does it provide the most comprehensive coverage of nursing-related funding opportunities (more than 800 entries), but it also offers the most informative program descriptions (on the average, twice the detail found in any other source).

In addition, only funding set aside for nursing students is included. If a program doesn't support study, training, research, or creative activities specifically for this group, it's not covered here.

Third, only the biggest and best portable funding programs are covered in this book. To be listed here, a program has to offer nursing students at least \$500 per year. But, most go way beyond that! And, keep in mind that this is "free" money; not one dollar awarded to you will have to be repaid! Plus, you can take the money awarded by these scholarships to any number of schools. Unlike other financial aid directories, which often list large numbers of scholarships worth only a few hundred dollars or available only to students enrolled at one specific school, all of the entries in this book are substantial and "portable" (although some portability may be restricted by other program parameters).

Fourth, many of the programs listed here have never been covered in the other financial aid directories. So, even if you have checked elsewhere, you will want to look at *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* for additional leads.

Fifth, unlike other funding directories, which tend to follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, this one divides entries by educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to help you target your search for appropriate programs. The same convenience is offered in the indexes, where sponsoring organization, geographic focus, subject, and deadline date entries specifically identify opportunities for either undergraduate or graduate students.

Further, we have tried to anticipate all the ways you might wish to search for funding; we organized the volume so you can identify programs not only by recipient group, but by program title, nursing specialty, sponsor, residency requirements, where the money can be spent, and even deadline date. Plus, we've included all the information you'll need to decide if a program is right for you: purpose, eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and application date. You even get fax numbers, toll-free numbers, e-mail addresses, and web sites (when available) along with complete contact information, to make your requests for applications proceed smoothly.

Finally, we've included all types of "free money" in our listing:

- *Scholarships.* Programs that support studies and related activities at the undergraduate level in the United States. This is "free" money. No repayment is necessary, provided all program requirements are met.
- *Fellowships.* Programs that support studies and related activities at the graduate level in the United States. This, too, is "free" money; usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Grants.* Programs that provide funding to support innovative efforts, travel, projects, creative activities, or research at any level (from associate degree through doctoral) in the United States. Usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Awards.* Competitions, prizes, and honoraria granted in recognition of personal accomplishments, research results, creative writing, or other achievements. Prizes received solely as the result of entering contests are excluded.
- *Forgivable loans.* Also known as scholarship/loans, fellowship/loans, and loans-for-service, this is funding that converts to "free money," as long as the recipient meets specified service requirements.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

The focus of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* is on portable programs aimed specifically at high school seniors, high school graduates, current college students, returning college students, and beginning or continuing graduate students interested in working on a degree in nursing at any school in the United States. While the directory is intended to be the most current and comprehensive source of information on available funding, there are some programs we've specifically excluded from the listing:

- *Programs not focused on the nursing field:* Only funding opportunities set aside specifically for nursing students are described here. If you are looking for money to support study, training, research, or creative activities in other areas, check out the list of Reference Service Press's award-winning directories on the inside of the front cover. You can also look for general or other financial aid resources at your library, in a bookstore, or online.
- *Programs that do not accept applications from U.S. citizens or residents:* If a program is open only to foreign nationals or excludes Americans from applying, it is not covered.

SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[371]**
- (2) **TYLENOL SCHOLARSHIPS**
- (3) McNeil Consumer and Specialty Pharmaceuticals
c/o International Scholarship and Tuition Services
200 Crutchfield Avenue
Nashville, TN 37210
(615) 320-3149 Fax: (615) 320-3151
E-mail: contactus@applyists.com
Web: www.tylenol.com
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial assistance for college or graduate school to students intending to prepare for a career in nursing or another health-related field.
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to students who have completed at least 1 year of an undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college, university, or vocational/technical school. Applicants must be working on a degree in health education, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, or public health. Along with their application, they must submit 1) a 500-word essay on the experiences or persons that have contributed to their plans to prepare for a career in a health-related field, and 2) a 100-word summary of their professional plans. Selection is based on the essays, academic record, community involvement, and college GPA.
- (6) **Financial data** Stipends are \$10,000 or \$5,000.
- (7) **Duration** 1 year.
- (8) **Additional information** This program is sponsored by McNeil Consumer and Specialty Pharmaceuticals, maker of Tylenol products, and administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services (formerly Scholarship Program Administrators, Inc.).
- (9) **Number awarded** 40 each year: 10 at \$10,000 and 30 at \$5,000.
- (10) **Deadline** May of each year.

DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** Consecutive number assigned to the references and used to index the entry.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of scholarship, fellowship, forgivable loan, grant, or award.
- (3) **Sponsoring organization:** Name, address, and telephone number, toll-free number, fax number, e-mail address, and web site location (when information was available) for organization sponsoring the program.
- (4) **Summary:** Identifies the major program requirements; read the rest of the entry for additional detail.
- (5) **Eligibility:** Qualifications required of applicants, plus information on application procedure and selection process.
- (6) **Financial data:** Financial details of the program, including fixed sum, average amount, or range of funds offered, expenses for which funds may and may not be applied, and cash-related benefits supplied (e.g., room and board).
- (7) **Duration:** Time period for which support is provided; renewal prospects.
- (8) **Additional information:** Any benefits, features, restrictions, or limitations (generally nonmonetary) associated with the program.
- (9) **Number of awards:** Total number of recipients each year or other specified period.
- (10) **Deadline:** The month by which applications must be submitted.

- *Funding not aimed at incoming, currently-enrolled, or returning nursing students:* If a program is not specifically for undergraduate or graduate nursing students (e.g., a contest open to adults of any age, a research grant for nursing faculty), it is excluded.
- *School-based programs:* The directory identifies "portable" programs—ones that can be used at any number of schools. Financial aid programs administered by individual schools solely for the benefit of their own students or staff are not covered. Write directly to the schools you are considering to get information on their offerings.
- *Money for study or research outside the United States:* Since there are comprehensive and up-to-date directories that describe all available funding for study and research abroad (see *Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad* and *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad*, both published by Reference Service Press), only programs that support study or research in the United States are covered here.
- *Very restrictive programs:* In general, programs are excluded if they are open only to a limited geographic area (less than a state) or offer very limited financial support (under \$500 per year). For descriptions of these additional programs, contact Reference Service Press and ask about licensing their complete funding database for nursing.
- *Programs that did not respond to our research inquiries:* Programs are included in *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* only if the sponsors posted current information on the Internet or responded to our research requests for up-to-date information (see below for details).

WHAT'S UPDATED?

The preparation of each new edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* involves extensive updating and revision. To make sure that the information included here is both reliable and current, the editors at Reference Service Press 1) review and update all relevant programs currently in our funding database and 2) search exhaustively for new program leads in a variety of sources, including directories, news reports, newsletters, annual reports, and sites on the Internet. We only include program descriptions that are written directly from information supplied by the sponsoring organization in print or on the Internet (no information is ever taken from secondary sources). When that information could not be found, we sent up to four collection letters (followed by up to three telephone inquiries, if necessary) to those sponsors. Despite our best efforts, however, some sponsoring organizations still failed to respond and, as a result, their programs are not included in this edition of the directory.

The 2011-2013 edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* completely revises and updates the previous (sixth) edition. Programs that have ceased operations have been dropped. Similarly, programs that have broadened their scope and no longer focus on the nursing field have also been removed from the listing, as have programs with residency requirements narrower than state-wide or awards under \$500. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect current requirements; nearly 80 percent of the continuing programs reported substantive changes in their locations, deadlines, or benefits since 2008. In addition, more than 360 new entries have been added. The result is a listing of more than 800 scholarships, fellowships, forgivable loans, grants, awards, and other funding opportunities available specifically to nursing students.

HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

The directory is divided into two sections: 1) a detailed list of funding opportunities open to undergraduate and graduate nursing students; and 2) a set of indexes to help you pinpoint appropriate funding programs.

Funding for Nursing Students. The first section of the directory describes 835 scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards, forgivable loans, and other "free money" available to nursing students at any level and in any specialty. The programs listed are sponsored by 500 federal and state government agencies, professional organizations, foundations, educational associations, social and religious groups, corporations, and military/veterans organizations.

To help you focus your search, the entries in this section are grouped into two main categories:

- **Undergraduates.** Described here are 400 scholarships, grants, awards, forgivable loans, and other funding opportunities that support undergraduate study, training, research, or creative activities in nursing. These programs are open to high school seniors, high school graduates, currently-enrolled college students, and students returning to college after an absence. Money is available to support these students in any type of postsecondary institution, ranging from technical schools and community colleges to major universities.
- **Graduate Students.** Described here are 435 fellowships, grants, awards, forgivable loans, and other funding opportunities that support post-baccalaureate study, training, research, and creative activities in the field of nursing. Funding is available for all graduate-level degrees: master's, doctoral, and professional.

Entries in each of the subsections appear alphabetically by program title. Each program entry has been prepared to give you a concise but clear picture of the available funding. Information (when available) is provided on organization address and telephone numbers (including fax and toll-free), e-mail address, web site, purpose, eligibility, money awarded, duration, special features, limitations, number of awards, and application deadline. The sample entry on page 7 illustrates and explains the program entry structure.

The information provided for each of the programs covered in this section was supplied by sponsoring organizations in response to requests we sent through the end of 2010. While *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* is intended to cover as comprehensively as possible the available funding, some sponsoring organizations did not respond to our research inquiries and, consequently, are not included in this edition of the directory.

Indexes. To help you find the aid you need, we have constructed five indexes; these will let you access the listings by sponsoring organization, residency, tenability, nursing specialty, and deadline date. These indexes use a word-by-word alphabetical arrangement. Note: numbers in the index refer to entry numbers, not to page numbers in the book.

Sponsoring Organization Index. This index makes it easy to identify agencies that offer funding to nursing students for study, training, research, creative, or other activities. Sponsoring organizations are listed alphabetically, word by word. In addition, we've used a code to help you identify the focus of the funding programs sponsored by these organizations: U = Undergraduates; G = Graduate Students.

Residency Index. Some programs listed in this book are restricted to residents of a particular state or region. Others are open to students wherever they live. This index helps you identify programs available only to residents in your area as well as programs that have no residency restrictions.

Tenability Index. Some programs in this book can be used only in specific cities, counties, states, or regions. Others may be used anywhere in the United States (or even abroad). Use this index to find out what programs are available to support your activities in a particular geographic area.

Specialty Index. Refer to this index when you want to identify funding in a specific area of nursing. More than two dozen specialties are indexed here, in addition to general practice: administration, anesthesiology, critical care, emergency, holistic health, long-term care, lung and respiratory, midwifery, nephrology, neuroscience, occupational health, oncology, operating room, ophthalmic, orthopedic, otorhinolaryngology and head-neck, pediatric, psychiatric, radiological, rehabilitative, school health, and others.

Calendar Index. Since most financial aid programs have specific deadline dates, some may have closed by the time you begin to look for funding. You can use the Calendar Index to identify which programs are still open. This index is arranged by student group (undergraduates and graduate stu-

dents) and divided by month during which the deadline falls. Filing dates can and quite often do vary from year to year; consequently, the dates in this index should be viewed as only approximations after mid-2013.

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

Here are some tips to help you get the most out of the financial aid listings in *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing*.

To Locate Funding by Educational Level. If you want to get an overall picture of the kind of funding that is available to support either undergraduates or graduate nursing students, turn to the appropriate category in the first section of the guide and browse through the listings there. Originally, we also intended to subdivide these two chapters by purpose (study and training versus research and creative activities). Once the compilation was complete, however, it became clear that many of the programs provided funding for both functions. Thus, further subdivision (beyond educational level) would have been unnecessarily repetitious.

To Find Information on a Particular Financial Aid Program. If you know the name and degree focus of a particular financial aid program, you can go directly to the appropriate category in the first section of the directory, where you'll find program profiles listed alphabetically by title.

To Browse Quickly Through the Listings. Look at the listings in the educational section that relates to you (undergraduates or graduate students) and read the "Summary" field in each entry. In seconds, you'll know if this is an opportunity that might apply to you. If it is, read the rest of the information in the entry to make sure you meet all of the program requirements before writing or going online for an application form. Remember: don't apply if you don't qualify!

To Locate Financial Aid Programs Sponsored by a Particular Organization. The Sponsoring Organization Index makes it easy to determine which groups are providing funding to undergraduate and graduate nursing students (approximately 500 are listed here), as well as to identify specific financial aid programs offered by a particular sponsor. Each entry number in the index is coded to indicate educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to help you target appropriate entries.

To Locate Financial Aid Based on Residency or Where You Want to Study/Conduct Your Research. Use the Residency Index to identify funding that has been set aside for nursing students in your area. If you are looking for funding to support activities in a particular city, county, state, or region, turn to the Tenability Index. Both of these indexes are subdivided by educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to help you identify the funding that's right for you. When using these indexes, always check the listings under the term "United States," since the programs indexed there have no geographic restrictions and can be used in any area.

To Locate Financial Aid for Study or Research in a Specific Nursing Specialty. Turn to the Specialty Index first if you are interested in identifying available funding in a specific area of nursing (more than two dozen different specialties are indexed there). As part of your search, be sure to check the listings in the index under the "General" heading; that term identifies programs supporting activities in any area of nursing (although they may be restricted in other ways). Each index entry indicates whether the funding is available to undergraduates or to graduate students.

To Locate Financial Aid by Deadline Date. If you are working with specific time constraints and want to weed out financial aid programs whose filing dates you won't be able to meet, turn first to the Calendar Index and check the program references listed under the appropriate group (undergraduates and graduate students) and month. Note: not all sponsoring organizations supplied deadline information; those programs are listed under the "Deadline not specified" entry in the index. To identify every relevant financial aid program, regardless of filing dates, read through all the entries in the chapter that matches your degree level (undergraduates or graduate students)

PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This volume, covering 2011-2013, is the seventh edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* (which, for the first five editions, was issued under the title *RSP Funding for Nursing Students and*

Nurses). The next biennial edition of *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing* will cover the years 2013-2015 and will be released in mid-2013.

OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS

In addition to *How to Pay for Your Degree in Nursing*, Reference Service Press publishes several other titles that would be of interest to nursing students, including *The College Student's Guide to Merit and Other No-Need Funding*, *Money for Graduate Students in the Health Sciences*, and *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*. For more information on these and other related publications, you can 1) write to Reference Service Press' marketing department at 5000 Windplay Drive, Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 2) call us at (916) 939-9620; 3) fax us at (916) 939-9626; 4) send us an e-mail message: info@rspfunding.com; or 5) visit our web site: www.rspfunding.com.

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Funding for Nursing Students

- Undergraduates* ●
- Graduate Students* ●

Undergraduates

Listed alphabetically by program title are 400 scholarships, grants, awards, and other funding opportunities that support undergraduate study, training, research, and creative activities in the nursing field in the United States. Check here if you are looking for funding for undergraduates in any area of nursing, including general practice, administration, anesthesiology, critical care, emergency, holistic health, long-term care, lung and respiratory, midwifery, nephrology, neuroscience, occupational health, oncology, operating room, ophthalmic, orthopedic, otorhinolaryngology and head-neck, pediatric, psychiatric, radiological, rehabilitative, school health, etc. All of this is free money. Not one dollar will ever need to be repaid (provided all program requirements are met)!

**[1]
100 GREAT IOWA NURSES SCHOLARSHIPS**

Iowa Nurses Association
Attn: Iowa Nurses Foundation
1501 42nd Street, Suite 471
West Des Moines, IA 50266
(515) 225-0495 Fax: (515) 225-2201
E-mail: info@iowanurses.org
Web: www.iowanurses.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2049

Summary To provide financial assistance to students who are working on an undergraduate or graduate nursing degree at a school in Iowa.

Eligibility This program is open to pre-licensure nursing students working on an A.D.N., practicing R.N.s working on a bachelor's degree, and graduate students working on a master's degree in nursing or doctoral degree in nursing or a related field. Pre-licensure and R.N. to B.S.N. students must have completed at least 50% of the requirements for a degree; master's and doctoral students must have completed at least 12 semester hours of graduate work. Applicants must have a career plan to work in Iowa. Along with their application, they must submit brief essays on their career goals, the areas of nursing practice where they believe they have something special to offer, their interest in that area, how their interest and goals will enhance the delivery of quality health care in Iowa, and how this assistance would impact their ability to meet their educational goals. Financial need is not considered in the selection process.

Financial Data The stipend is \$500 for undergraduates or \$1,500 for graduate students.

Duration 1 year.

Number awarded 4 each year: 2 to students working on an A.D.N. or R.N. to B.S.N. degree and 2 to graduate students.

Deadline February of each year.

**[2]
AAOHN FOUNDATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc.
Attn: AAOHN Foundation
7794 Grow Drive
Pensacola, FL 32514
(850) 474-6963 Toll Free: (800) 241-8014
Fax: (850) 484-8762 E-mail: aaohn@aaohn.org
Web: www.aaohn.org/scholarships/academic-study.html

Summary To provide financial assistance to registered nurses who are working on a bachelor's or graduate degree to prepare for a career in occupational and environmental health.

Eligibility This program is open to registered nurses who are enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate degree program. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in, and commitment to, occupational and environmental health. Along with their application, they must submit a 500-word narrative on their professional goals as they relate to the academic activity and the field of occupational and environmental health. Selection is based on that essay (50%), impact of education on applicant's career (20%), and 2 letters of recommendation (30%).

Financial Data The stipend is \$3,000.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed up to 2 additional years.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline January of each year.

**[3]
AFTERCOLLEGE/AACN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

American Association of Colleges of Nursing
One Dupont Circle, N.W., Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 463-6930 Fax: (202) 785-8320
E-mail: scholarship@aacn.nche.edu
Web: www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/financialaid.htm

Summary To provide financial assistance to students at institutions that are members of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Eligibility This program is open to students working on a baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degree at an AACN member school. Special consideration is given to applicants who are 1) enrolled in a master's or doctoral program to prepare for a nursing faculty career; 2) completing an R.N. to baccalaureate (B.S.N.) or master's (M.S.N) program; or 3) enrolled in an accelerated baccalaureate or master's degree nursing program. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Along with their application, they must submit an essay of 200 to 250 words on their goals and aspirations as related to their education, career, and future plans. They must also register and submit their resume to AfterCollege.com.

Financial Data The stipend is \$2,500.

Duration 1 year.

Additional data This program, established in 2006, is sponsored by AfterCollege, an employment web site for nursing and allied health care students.

Number awarded 8 each year: 2 for each application deadline.

Deadline January, April, July, or October of each year.

**[4]
AGNES NAUGHTON RN-BSN FUND SCHOLARSHIP**

Florida Nurses Association
Attn: Florida Nurses Foundation
1235 East Concord Street
P.O. Box 536985
Orlando, FL 32853-6985
(407) 896-3261 Fax: (407) 896-9042
E-mail: foundation@floridanurse.org
Web: www.floridanurse.org/foundationGrants/index.asp

Summary To provide financial assistance to Florida residents who are interested in working on a bachelor's degree in nursing at a school in the state.

Eligibility Applicants must be registered nurses who have been Florida residents for at least 1 year and have completed at least 1 semester at an accredited nursing program in the state. They must be working on a baccalaureate degree and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Along with their application, they must submit 1-page essays on 1) why it is necessary for them to receive this scholarship; and 2) their goals and their assessment of their potential for making a contribution to nursing and society.

Financial Data A stipend is awarded (amount not specified).

Duration 1 semester or year.

Number awarded Varies each year.

Deadline May of each year.

**[5]
AIR FORCE ROTC NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS**

U.S. Air Force
Attn: Headquarters AFROTC/RRUC
551 East Maxwell Boulevard
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5917
(334) 953-2091 Toll Free: (866) 4-AFROTC
Fax: (334) 953-6167 E-mail: afrotc1@maxwell.af.mil
Web: afrotc.com/admissions/professional-programs/nursing

Summary To provide financial assistance to college students who are interested in a career as a nurse, are interested in joining Air Force ROTC, and are willing to serve as Air Force officers following completion of their bachelor's degree.

Eligibility This program is open to U.S. citizens who are freshmen or sophomores in college and interested in a career as a nurse. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of their freshman year and meet all other academic and physical requirements for participation in AFROTC. They must be interested in working on a nursing degree from an accredited program. At the time of Air Force commissioning, they may be no more than 31 years of age. They must be able to pass the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT) and the Air Force ROTC Physical Fitness Test.

Financial Data Awards are type 1 AFROTC scholarships that provide for full payment of tuition and fees plus an annual book allowance of \$900. All recipients are also awarded a tax-free subsistence allowance for 10 months of each year that is \$350 per month during their sophomore year, \$450 during their junior year, and \$500 during their senior year.

Duration 2 or 3 years, provided the recipient maintains a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Additional data Recipients must also complete 4 years of aerospace studies courses at 1 of the 144 colleges and universities that have an Air Force ROTC unit on campus or 1 of the 984 colleges that have cross-enrollment agreements with those institutions. They must also attend a 4-week summer training camp at an Air Force base, usually between their sophomore and junior years. Following completion of their bachelor's degree, scholarship recipients earn a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force and serve at least 4 years.

Deadline June of each year.

[6] AIRMAN EDUCATION AND COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

U.S. Air Force
Attn: Headquarters AFROTC/RRUE
Enlisted Commissioning Section
551 East Maxwell Boulevard
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6106
(334) 953-2091 Toll Free: (866) 4-AFROTC
Fax: (334) 953-6167 E-mail: enlisted@afrotc.com
Web: www.afots.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedComm/AECP.asp

Summary To allow selected enlisted Air Force personnel to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing and other approved majors by providing financial assistance for full-time college study while remaining on active duty.

Eligibility Eligible to participate in this program are enlisted members of the Air Force who have been accepted at a university or college (or approved crosstown institution) that is associated with AFROTC and that offers an approved major. The majors currently supported are computer science, all ABET-accredited engineering fields (not engineering technology), foreign area studies (limited to Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Russia/Eurasia), foreign languages (limited to Arabic, Azeri, Chinese, French, Georgian, Hebrew, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Kazakh, Korean, Pashto, Persian Farsi, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese), mathematics, meteorology, nursing, and physics. Applicants must have completed at least 1 year of time-in-service and 1 year of time-on-station. They must have scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test of at least 15 on the verbal and 10 on the quantitative and be able to pass the Air Force ROTC Physical Fitness Test. Normally they should have completed at least 30 semester hours of college study with a GPA of 2.75 or higher. They must be younger than 31 years of age (39 for nursing students) or otherwise able to be commissioned before they become 35 years of age (42 for nursing students).

Financial Data While participating in this program, cadets remain on active duty in the Air Force and receive their regular salary and benefits. They also receive payment of tuition and fees up to \$15,000 per year and an annual textbook allowance of \$600.

Duration 1 to 3 years, until completion of a bachelor's degree.

Additional data While attending college, participants in this program attend ROTC classes at their college or university. Upon completing their degree, they are commissioned to serve in the Air Force in their area of specialization with an active-duty service commitment of at least 4 years. Further information is available from base education service officers or an Air Force ROTC unit. This program does not provide for undergraduate flying training.

Number awarded Approximately 60 each year.

Deadline February of each year.

[7] ALABAMA NURSES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Alabama State Nurses Association
Attn: Alabama Nurses Foundation
360 North Hull Street
Montgomery, AL 36104-3658
(334) 262-8321 Fax: (334) 262-8578
E-mail: alabamasna@mindspring.com
Web: www.alabamanurses.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to residents of Alabama enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in nursing at a school in any state.

Eligibility This program is open to residents of Alabama who are enrolled in an accredited associate, baccalaureate (either initial or R.N. to B.S.N.), master's, or doctoral program in nursing. Applicants may be attending school in any state, but they should be planning to remain employed in Alabama for at least 2 years after graduation. Along with their application, they must submit a 100-word statement on their career goals. Financial need is not considered in the selection process. Priority is given to graduate students interested in teaching at a school of nursing.

Financial Data The stipend is \$1,000 for undergraduates or \$2,500 for graduate students.

Duration 1 year.

Number awarded 1 or more each year.

Deadline June of each year.

[8] ALBERT E. AND FLORENCE W. NEWTON NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Rhode Island Foundation
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One Union Station
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 427-4017 Fax: (401) 331-8085
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Web: www.rifoundation.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to students, especially residents of Rhode Island, working on a degree in nursing.

Eligibility This program is open to 1) students enrolled in a baccalaureate nursing program; 2) students in a diploma nursing program; 3) students in a 2-year associate degree nursing program; and 4) active practicing R.N.s working on a bachelor's degree in nursing. Applicants must be studying at a nursing school on a full- or part-time basis and able to demonstrate financial need. They may be enrolled at a school in any state, but preference is given to residents of Rhode Island. Along with their application, they must submit an essay, up to 300 words, on their career goals, particularly as they relate to practicing in or advancing the field of nursing in Rhode Island.

Financial Data The stipend ranges from \$500 to \$2,000.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed.

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