



SPRING 2010 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

For Students That Anticipate Being Accepted for Spring Semester 2010

General Eligibility for Scholarships Available to Graduate Students in the School of Nursing

- 1) Applicant must be a full-time student in the UAB School of Nursing to be eligible for scholarships. **Full-time status requires a minimum of 9 hours per term of coursework within the School of Nursing graduate program curriculum.** Enrollment requirements do not have to be met at the time of application, but must be met before scholarship funds are distributed.
- 2) Applicant must have at least a "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average on all undergraduate and graduate work.
- 3) Leadership, ability and potential as demonstrated through extracurricular activities (on and off campus), job performance or similar experiences will be given consideration in the awarding of these scholarships.
- 4) **Applications and all supporting documents including essay, letter of recommendation form, recommendation letters, and program of study, must be received by the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, UAB School of Nursing, Room 218, School of Nursing Building by 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2009, to be considered. See page 3 for additional information on supporting documents. No applications or supporting documents will be accepted after this deadline; your application package must be complete by then to be considered.**
- 5) We strongly encourage all applicants to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid through the UAB Financial Aid Office in order to be considered for need-based scholarships.
- 6) Scholarship applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision in December.

Administration of Scholarships

- 1) Selection of scholarship recipients will be made by a School of Nursing Scholarship Committee appointed by the Dean in accordance with the general guidelines and specific criteria for each scholarship.
- 2) Availability and amount of these scholarships will vary from year to year.
- 3) Scholarship awards will be first applied toward the recipient's tuition and fees for terms in which he or she is enrolled in the School of Nursing.

Application Procedure

- 1) Complete the Graduate Scholarship application.
- 2) Have two individuals, either a current graduate faculty, previous college faculty member, or current employer complete the two recommendation forms and reference letters, and submit these to you in a sealed envelope to include in your application packet.
- 3) Write an essay (no longer than one page) addressing how the scholarship would assist you in your nursing career, reasons for selecting nursing as a career, your plans for the future, your involvement in academic and/or extracurricular activities in the School of Nursing, UAB and/or the community. The essay will be evaluated on content, grammar and style.
- 4) Include a copy of your current Program of Study approved by your Advisor.
- 5) The student will be responsible for submitting all application documents in one packet.

Office of Development and Alumni Relations, NB 218, School of Nursing Building
1530 3rd Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294-1210

PLEASE SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP PACKET BY NOVEMBER 13, 2009



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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A completed application form, two signed copies of the Letter of Recommendation form, and two reference letters are required. Please see Letter of Recommendation form for instructions for reference letters (immediate supervisor or faculty member preferred). Only two reference letters will be accepted, and applications will not be considered complete without them. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his or her completed application and letters are received by the SON Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, in one packet, by the application deadline.

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A copy of your current Program of Study signed by your advisor is required.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information provided on this scholarship application is true and that I personally composed the essay included herein. I grant permission to release information from my educational and financial records to the scholarship committee and to scholarship donors. I also grant permission to UAB to use comments and any other information from my application for publication purposes.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)



**Academic Scholarship Application
Letter of Recommendation #1**

Applicant Last Name _____ **First Name** _____ **MI** _____

Your letter of recommendation will help us to gain a better understanding of the student's interests and performance. The student listed above is requesting your recommendation for an academic scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year.

Instructions

On a separate piece of letterhead paper, please comment on the following, using examples when possible:

1. The applicant's character
2. The applicant's academic performance
3. The applicant's potential for success in her/his career in nursing

Please attach this cover sheet to your letter and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your initials. S/he will submit it along with the other application materials.

Permission to Publicize

If selected to receive the scholarship, the UAB School of Nursing may use information provided by the student and his/her references to publicize the award. We publish only positive comments, but if you do not wish for quotes to be used from your letter, please check the box below.

I do not grant the School of Nursing permission to use quotes from my reference.

Your Contact Information (please print)

Your Last Name: _____ First: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



**Academic Scholarship Application
Letter of Recommendation #2**

Applicant Last Name _____ **First Name** _____ **MI** _____

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