

## **SPRING SEMESTER 2012 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **General Eligibility Requirements for Scholarships:**

1. Applicant must be admitted to or enrolled as a full-time student in the UAB School of Nursing. **Full-time status requires a minimum of 12 hours per term of coursework within the School of Nursing undergraduate 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 demonstrated both solid academic promise and the potential for work as a Registered Nurse that will reflect favorably upon himself or herself and UAB School of Nursing. (The required GPA for UAB nursing scholarships ranges from 2.5 to 3.5, with most scholarships requiring a 3.0 or above.)
3. Leadership ability and potential as demonstrated through extracurricular activities, job-related performance, or similar experiences may be considered in awarding these scholarships.
4. **Applications and all supporting documents, including essay, resume, letter of recommendation forms, recommendation letters, and resume must be received by the Office of Student Affairs, UAB School of Nursing, Room 214, SON Building by 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2011 to be considered for the undergraduate scholarship awards. See page 3 for additional information on supporting documents. No applications will be accepted after the 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 first be applied toward the recipient's tuition and fees (through the UAB Office of Financial Aid) for terms in which he or she is enrolled as a full-time student and in a regular clinical nursing course. Any scholarship funds in excess of the amount required for tuition and fees will be disbursed to the student for books, supplies, or school-related expenses when the terms of the particular scholarship allow this.

### **Application Procedure**

1. Complete the Undergraduate Scholarship application.
2. Submit two recommendation packets (recommendation form and letter) completed by a previous college faculty member and/or your current employer. This packet should be returned to you in a sealed envelope to include with your application.
3. Write an essay (no longer than two double-spaced pages) addressing how the scholarship would assist you in your nursing career, reasons for selecting nursing as a career, area of interest/population, what you plan to do with your degree, 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. Submit a resume outlining campus/community involvement, leadership, and employment.
5. The student will be responsible for submitting **ALL** application documents in **one packet**.

#### **Return completed packet to:**

Office of Student Affairs, NB 214, School of Nursing Building  
1530 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294-1210

**PLEASE SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP PACKET BY OCTOBER 14, 2011**





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### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A completed application form, resume, 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 Student Affairs, in **one packet**, by the application deadline.

The essay should be no longer than two double-spaced pages, and should address how the scholarship would assist you in your nursing career, your area/population of interest, reasons for selecting nursing as a career, what you plan to do with your degree, 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.

### 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.

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(Applicant's Signature)

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(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 2011-2012 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
4. What sets this applicant apart from other students?

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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