FALL 2016 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

1. Applicant must have submitted an application, be admitted to or enrolled for a minimum of 6 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, resume and recommendation forms must be received by the Office of Student Affairs, UAB School of Nursing, Room 1003, SON Building by 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2016 to be considered for the graduate 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.

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 Graduate Scholarship application.
2. Submit two recommendation forms and/or letters completed by a college faculty member, and/or your current employer. The recommendation should be returned to you to include with your application.
3. Write an essay (no longer than two double-spaced pages) addressing why you would be a good representative of a School of Nursing scholarship focusing on leadership and any high levels of responsibility and academics; reasons for selecting nursing as a career; nursing area of interest/population you would like to work with following graduation; and 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 1003, School of Nursing Building
1720 2nd Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294-1210
PLEASE SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP PACKET BY MAY 31, 2016
UAB School of Nursing Graduate Scholarship Application

Name__________________________________________________________________________________

Last                                                         First                                             Middle
Preferred Name______________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________

UAB Student Number: B__________________ Home Phone Number: ______________________

Current Mailing
Address____________________________________________________________________________________

(City) (State)                             (Zip Code)

County and State of Legal Residence____________________________ GPA _______

Term and Year Admitted to the SON______________ Expected Term of Graduation_________________

Other degrees received and where ________________________________________________________________

Degree Seeking: _____ MSN _____ CRNA _____ AMNP _____ DNP _____ PhD

Will you be enrolled for a minimum of 6 hours each semester for the 2016-2017 academic year? 
____ Yes _____ No

How many hours of course work do you plan to take each semester? ______________

Are you a current Sigma Theta Tau Nu Chapter member? ______ yes ______ No

Nursing population/area of interest: (pediatrics, geriatrics, cardiology etc.) ______________________

Did you attend UAB for your undergraduate coursework? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you intend to become licensed and practice nursing in the State of Alabama? ______________

Are you a resident of Alabama? ___Yes___ No

Are you working full-time or part-time? (please circle one if applicable)
If so, where are you working? _________________________ Total # of hours worked per week? ___

Does your employer offer tuition benefits? ___yes ___ no If so, how much? _________________________

Have you completed a 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid through the UAB
Financial Aid Office? ___Yes___ No

Honors, Awards, and Scholarships Received: Please list all scholarships/grants currently receiving.
(UAB and Community involvement):
____________________________________________________________________________________

Volunteer Activities and Club Memberships:
____________________________________________________________________________________

Additional Information (include any previous work experiences, nursing or not, or activities you would like for us
to know about. Feel free to write on the back if needed)
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A completed application form, resume, two signed copies of the recommendation form are required. Recommendation forms should be completed by an immediate supervisor or faculty member. Only two recommendation forms/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 forms are received by the SON Office of Student Affairs, in one packet, by the application deadline.

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Please do not submit the essay you used when applying to the graduate program.

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)
Instructions to Applicant

After filling out the identifying information in the spaces below, distribute the appropriate number of forms to instructors and employers who are qualified to evaluate you.

_________ FIRST NAME                                      MIDDLE OR MAIDEN NAME                                      _________ LAST NAME

Request to Evaluator

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other nursing students with whom you have been acquainted. Your role is to help the scholarship committee differentiate the good students from the great students. Please reserve the top 5% for the truly exceptional student. **Students will not see this form.**

Top 5% indicates that you would rank the applicant among top-quality nursing students for each category listed. Lower 50% indicates that you would rank the applicant among lower-quality nursing students.

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Please explain why you think this student should receive a scholarship? (Use a separate piece of paper if needed)

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How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? ____________________________________________________________

Your Name: (Please Print)__________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Position and/or title: _______________________________ Employer: _______________________________

Address: __________________________________________________ Phone #: ________________________________

If you wish to provide additional information or make additional comments concerning this student, please feel free to do so on the back of this form or on an additional sheet.

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