



2023 Nightingale Scholarship

General Nursing Scholarship Criteria and Guidelines

Application Requirements

In addition to filling out and submitting a scholarship application, all applicants must:

1. Be a resident of New Mexico or be a member of the Navajo Nation (members of the Navajo Nation serving NM residents)
2. Have successfully completed a minimum of one semester or 6-8 credit hours of nursing courses in your current nursing program. (ADN, BSN, RN-to-BSN, MSN, post-graduate nursing degree)

All pre-licensure nursing programs must be approved by the New Mexico Board of Nursing. (For a complete list of approved NM schools, please visit the NM Board of Nursing website at <https://nmbon.sks.com/>)

3. Submit proof of academic ability.
 - a. Maintain at least an **overall** (not just nursing courses) grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
 - b. Submit a copy of the current grade transcript with application. Transcript/s must include school name and applicant name. No need to send grades from previous degrees obtained.
4. Present evidence of leadership and character references.
 - a. Include two letters of recommendation. One of the letters must be from the current **nursing faculty and/or academic advisor**. Letters must be sent directly from the person making the recommendation.

We suggest you provide a copy of “Tips for Writing a Letter of Recommendation” on page 4 to those faculty or advisors writing your letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation will be scored as follows:

No letter = 0, Neutral/Factual = 0, Positive = 1, Enthusiastic = 2

5. Submit a 2 page personal statement in brief essay form identifying why the applicant chose the nursing profession or is continuing their nursing education and how the applicant will work, as a nurse, to reduce health disparities. *Essays will be scored as follows: Articulate/clear/concise = 1, Identify a Financial Need= 1 Focus/Commitment to Nursing =up to 2 pts, Focus/Address Health Disparities =up to 2 pts (Total all that apply)*

General Administrative Guidelines

1. **Completed applications for scholarship awards must emailed to the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence no later than Monday, February 27, 2023.**

Applications should be emailed to: application@nmcne.org

Questions? Call 505-565-5811 or email application@nmcne.org

2. Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the individual via a check sent to the director of their nursing program for those in pre-licensure programs.
3. Applicants are responsible for meeting all requirements and submitting all materials by deadline.
4. Applicants may reapply in subsequent years.

*Please include a typed **essay**, up to 2 pages in length (12pt font, 1” margins, double-spaced), in which you describe the reason you chose the nursing profession, how you will address health disparities as a nurse, and financial need for this scholarship.*

2023 Nightingale Scholarship – General Application

Please *print or type*.

Date of Application _____

Full Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Present Address _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Phone (Home) _____ **(Cell)** _____

BEST Email address _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Community/School Activities:

Please list and describe any volunteer, community, healthcare service, workplace committees, and/or school activities in which you participate. Please make a special note of any activities that are service-oriented to support the health and well-being of others. (Attach a separate page if additional space is needed.)

*You will be scored for the following: Involved in **service-oriented** activities = 2; Involved in community/ school/work activities only = 1; No involvement = 0*

Information about the program you are attending:

Check the Nursing Program in which you are currently enrolled:

ADN BSN RN-to-BSN MSN DNP PhD

Nursing School/College _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Name of Director/Dean/Chair _____

Director/Dean/Chair Email address _____

Financial Information:

Are you currently employed? Yes___ No___

If yes, where do you work? _____

How many hours per week do you work? _____

Are you financially independent from your parents? Yes_____ No_____

Are you head of household? Yes_____ No_____

Do you currently have, or do you plan to apply for, one or more of the following types of financial assistance to defray the cost of your education?

<u>Source of Assistance</u>	<u>Currently Have</u>	<u>Plan to Apply</u>
Pell (Federal grant)	_____	_____
GSL (Guaranteed Student Loan)	_____	_____
DVR (Division of Vocational Rehab)	_____	_____
EDD (Employment Development Office)	_____	_____
BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs)	_____	_____
SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant)	_____	_____
SIG (Student Incentive Grant)	_____	_____
NSL (Nursing Student Loan)	_____	_____
Work/Study	_____	_____
Service Organizations (Women's/Men's Clubs, Kiwanis, etc)	_____	_____
IHS (Indian Health Service)	_____	_____
Tribal	_____	_____
Other (Please list) _____		

Dependents:

Please list age and relationship of children and/or *adult dependents* living at home:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Need index will be scored as follows (more than one may apply): Head of household=1; Employed full or Part time=1 Dependents=1; Other: Define=1

To be considered for award you must include the following with your completed application:

- 1. Transcript of grades (*Must include school name/s and applicants name*)
- 2. Two Letters of recommendation (*Must be sent directly from the person writing the recommendation*)
- 3. Essay (*no longer than two pages*)

All of the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and truthful.

Electronic signature of applicant

Date

TIPS FOR WRITING A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

NM Center for Nursing Excellence Nightingale Scholarship

You have been requested to write a letter of recommendation for a nursing student applying for a New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Nightingale Scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded based on:

- Academic achievement (Applicant must have an overall grade point average [GPA] of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale)
- An essay written by the applicant on why they have chosen nursing as their area of study
- Character references (2)
- Financial need

Because the committee makes decisions based on information provided, it is helpful for the committee to have the following information in your letter of recommendation:

- Context that you know the student (i.e. what is your relationship – clinical practice rotation, didactic course, faculty advisor, etc.)
- How long you have known the student
- Characteristics you can highlight about this student (caring, leadership, commitment to the profession, clinical excellence, etc.)
- Anything else we should know about this student and why they deserve to be awarded this scholarship.

NOTE:

Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to application@nmcne.org. All letters of recommendation **must be sent directly to us by the individual writing the recommendation.**

Important: In the subject line please include Applicant's Name and "Nightingale Scholarship Recommendation"