

2012 RITA H. WALSH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$1000 APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmarked July 15 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DATE: Fall

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. Currently an RN pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing or RN to master's degree in nursing (bridge track).
2. Currently resides in South Dakota.
3. Currently licensed in South Dakota.
4. Demonstrates need.
5. Demonstrates the qualities of patient advocacy, patient education, compassion and peer mentoring.

Name _____ SD resident Yes No

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone number(s) _____ Email address _____

NAME & ADDRESS OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN WHICH YOU ARE ADMITTED OR ADMITTED AND ENROLLED:

ENCLOSED COPY OF COMPLETED NURSING EDUCATION TRANSCRIPT (check one):

- Associate degree in nursing Nursing diploma

YOUR CURRENT STUDENT STATUS (check one): Admitted Admitted and enrolled

ENCLOSED EVIDENCE OF CURRENT STUDENT STATUS (check one):

- Copy of admission letter—if admitted but not yet enrolled Current transcript—if enrolled

RN to Master's Track students ONLY

Letter from nursing graduate program head that clearly indicates that you are in the RN to Master's track

PROGRAM OF STUDY YOU ARE PURSUING (check one):

- Bachelor's degree in nursing RN to master's degree in nursing

TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION describing your personal qualities and activities that exemplify your leadership, compassion, involvement in professional organization(s), professional activities, and community service.

- At least one letter of recommendation should be from a faculty member with whom you have had your most recent nursing program experience.
- One letter of recommendation may be from a professional colleague.

YOUR CURRENT RESUME

YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT reflecting the qualities of patient advocacy, patient education, compassion, peer mentoring and financial need. Please limit statement to 500 words or less.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION needed for scholarship eligibility criteria:

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA (or contact school to get EFC) _____

APPLICATION SUBMISSION MATERIALS

(if application materials are incomplete, application may be disqualified)

NOTE: Unofficial transcripts ARE acceptable

- Completed application form
 Transcript(s) from associate degree or diploma program
 Transcript(s) from bachelor's degree program or RN to master's degree program if applicable
 Evidence of current student status
 Current resume
 Two letters of recommendation
 Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

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APPLICATION MAILING INFORMATION

South Dakota Nurses Foundation
c/o South Dakota Nurses Association
PO Box 1015
Pierre, SD 57501-1015

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