

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
SCHOOL OF NURSING
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
for Students in the RN to BSN Program

The Financial Aid program is intended to assist students in paying for the costs of college. Financial aid consists of scholarships, loans, grants, scholarship-loans, and part-time employment, or a combination of the above. Students should begin the process of applying for financial aid at the Financial Aid Office, where the necessary forms may be obtained and completed.

Scholarships: There are two kinds of scholarships offered through UNCG: general scholarships available through the University as whole, and departmental scholarships available through the School of Nursing. Both types of scholarships are outlined in *The UNCG Financial Aid Directory*, published by the Financial Aid Office. Contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information on University scholarships. School of Nursing scholarships are awarded through the department and require students to complete the *School of Nursing Scholarship Application*. These applications are available through the School of Nursing starting in December; the deadline to return completed applications is **March 1**. Current sophomores (who have applied to be in the upper division nursing major in the next fall) and current upper-division juniors are eligible to apply, as well as RNs. Most are awarded primarily on the basis of grade point average (GPA), but some are need-based. Students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher should apply. Look for signs to be posted on the bulletin boards in the School of Nursing announcing the availability of School of Nursing scholarship applications.

Other resources, which may be available:

1. **Hospital-based scholarship-loans.** Students are awarded a scholarship-loan, which may be repeated as long as the GPA meets minimum criteria, in return for promising to work at the hospital after graduation. The application process, deadlines, amount of award, minimum GPA, etc. are determined by each hospital. Contact Triad area hospitals or hospitals in your hometown.

2. **Nurse Scholars Program.** Administered through the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA). Applications are available in December. After graduation, students must either work-full time as a nurse in North Carolina for a certain period of time, or pay back the loan with interest. Applications available in December at www.cfnc.org; choose "Paying for College" at the top of the screen and then choose "Scholarships and Grants" from the list at the left. Deadline is in May. Contact the NCSEAA, PO Box 14223, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-4223; 866-866-CFNC.

3. Another program administered by the NCSEAA (see item 2) is the **North Carolina Nurse Education Scholarship Loan Program**. This money is awarded to undergraduate nursing students based on financial need. Contact the Financial Aid Office or www.cfnc.org

4. Many **community organizations** provide scholarships or loans with low interest to qualifying individuals, members, or children of members. You must contact these groups and ask individually. Examples include your church, civic groups, social and fraternal organizations, hospitals and medical auxiliaries, and some large corporations. Contact your local public library and Chamber of Commerce for suggestions and information.

5. Several kinds of **student loans** are available. Start with the Financial Aid Office. Contact College Foundation Inc., PO Box 14223, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-4223; (919) 549-8614. www.cfnc.org

6. There are several programs available through the **Armed Services**. These require a commitment of active duty following graduation. Contact the local recruiter for additional information. You may also wish to research possible scholarship opportunities through two other federal offices, the US Public Health Service and the Department of Justice.

7. **The Great 100 Scholarship Program.** Established by the Great 100, Inc. in 1989 for NC residents to obtain or further their education in nursing. Scholarships are available for all levels of study on a rotating basis. Contact: Great 100 Scholarship Program, NC Foundation for Nursing, PO Box 4875, Greensboro, NC 27404-4875. www.great100.org

8. **The Melissa Brown Memorial Nursing Education Fund** is a scholarship-loan for nursing students who are willing to work at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh after graduation. Contact the Director, Community Services, Department of Volunteer Services, Wake Medical Center, PO Box 14465, Raleigh, NC 27620-4465; (919) 250-8293. Deadlines: May 1 and November 1.

9. The **Winston-Salem Foundation** administers two health education loan funds for NC residents: the Virginia Elizabeth and Alma Vane Taylor Fund, and the Oliver Joel and Ellen Pell Denny Fund. Loans are awarded to undergraduates with financial need; some money may be available for graduate students. Contact the Winston-Salem Foundation, 860 W. Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2506; (336) 725-2382, 866-227-1209 (toll free), www.wsfoundation.org

10. The **Gwendolyn J. Andrews Nursing Scholarship Program** provides scholarships to employees of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center who are pursuing a career in nursing. Scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate study. Contact Education and Support Services, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1180; (336) 716-3434. Deadline: March 1.

11. The **Donna Lynn Eaton Memorial Scholarship** is awarded by Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center for undergraduate students who have completed at least one semester in a nursing program and who have a GPA of 3.0 and demonstrated financial need. Contact: Education and Support Services, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1180; (336) 716-3434. Deadline: March 1.

12. The **Mercedes R. O'Hale Scholarship Fund** provides scholarships for RNs enrolled in a BSN completion program. Contact the Academic Scholarship Committee, Dr. Eileen Kohlenberg, North Carolina League for Nursing, PO Box 26170, UNCG, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170.

13. **Professional nursing associations** may have funds. For example, AACN (American Association of Critical Care Nurses) awards scholarships to member RNs who are working on a BSN or MSN. Contact each organization individually to learn about requirements. The address for AACN is 101 Columbia, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656-4109; 1-800-899-2226. www.aacn.org. Next application will be available between February 1, 2008 and April 1, 2008.

14. **The Eight and Forty Lung and Respiratory Disease Nursing Scholarship Fund**, administered by the American Legion, provides scholarships up to \$2500 for one year. The scholarship was established to assist RNs to secure advanced preparation for positions in either supervision, administration, or teaching; their after-school employment must have a direct relationship to lung and respiratory disease. Contact: American Legion Education Program, Attn: Eight and Forty Scholarships PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Deadline is May 15 and awards are announced July 1. www.legion.org

15. **Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.** awards general scholarships for students currently enrolled in a BSN program; can be in pre-nursing portion of the program. Career Mobility Scholarships are available to RNs or LPNs enrolled in a BSN program. Breakthrough to Nursing Scholarships for Ethnic People of Color are open to nursing or pre-nursing students. Some scholarships are available *only* to NSNA members. Contact: Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc., 45 Main Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201; (212) 581-2215. Deadline for the 2008-2009 academic year will be January 2008. Applications available on the website www.nsna.org/foundation

16. **Oncology Nursing Foundation** provides scholarships for RNs who are interested in/committed to oncology nursing. There are funds available for BSN and MSN students. Contact: ONS Foundation, 125 Enterprise Drive, RIDC Park West, Pittsburgh, PA 15275-1214; (977) 769-6622 or fax (412) 859-6168. www.ons.org

17. **Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund** is designed for women who earned a high school diploma or GED at least 10 years ago. Contact: Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund, Scholarship Management Services, Scholarship America, One Scholarship Way, PO Box 297, St. Peter, MN 56092; (507) 931-1682 or stop by a local Talbots store. Applications available in late fall 2007. www.talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp

18. **William F. and JoAnn F. Black RN to BSN Scholarship** was established by Mr. Black in honor and tribute to his wife, JoAnn Fuller Black, who served as a volunteer and past president with the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Volunteers for more than 27 years. Apply by completing a UNCG School of Nursing Scholarship Application. Applications available in early December each year.

19. **AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing)**. Established in April 2003, this scholarship program supports students who are seeking a baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degree in nursing. Application can be downloaded from website; applications must be submitted by email. Website: http://aacn.campusrn.com/scholarships/scholarship_rn.asp

The above information is not all-inclusive. Students should work with the Financial Aid Office. Additional information on available funds may also be obtained through your local library.

For further information, contact:

Financial Aid Office, UNCG, PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170; (336) 334-5702

Dr. Virginia Karb, School of Nursing, UNCG, PO Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402-6170; (336) 334-5282

Every effort is made to provide accurate information on this sheet; however, agencies may make changes in deadlines and eligibility criteria without informing the School of Nursing. Please let the Associate Dean's office in the School of Nursing know if you become aware of errors on this handout.
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