

FINANCIAL AID/AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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The Financial Aid staff works with both prospective and current students in finding sources of financial aid for their college education and also in completing the application process. To take advantage of options available, students should contact a financial aid officer well in advance of the semester in which they plan to register. (Refer to the General Catalog or <http://www.pnc.edu/financialaid/> for further information.) Award and scholarships are available to qualified nursing students at PNC based on eligibility and availability of funds. Application can be obtained from the Purdue North Central home page, the nursing department's website, the nursing office, or the Financial Aid Office, if applicable. When additional scholarship information is received from outside sources, it will be posted on the nursing bulletin board. The deadline for applications is March 1st.

NURSING EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (NELRP)

After students have passed the NCLEX and are licensed in the state in which they intend to practice, they are eligible for a NELRP (Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program). This is a nursing education loan repayment program. Applications can be found on NELRP web page: <http://www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm>. It may not be advisable to consolidate loans related to your nursing education. Please refer to the guidelines listed at the NELRP site. The toll free number is 1-866-813-3753.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTH CENTRAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

Submit complete applications only. The form is available in the nursing office. If the information is missing, you will not be considered for the scholarship. Be sure to file a financial aid form (FAFSA) if applying for any nursing scholarship. If you fail to file a FAFSA, you may not qualify for several of the scholarships.

The following award and scholarships are currently available. To be considered, a nursing student must provide all the information required on the Nursing Scholarship Application Form available in Appendix B at the end of this manual and on the nursing department website. The deadline for submitting applications is March 1st.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS

Pat Daly Memorial Scholarship

Criteria:

1. Must be a nursing major at PNC.
2. Student must be sophomore standing or above.
3. Student must express intent to receive an associate or bachelor degree in nursing at PNC.
4. The student must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.

Robert Carr Scholarship

Criteria:

1. Undergraduate nursing student
2. Grade point average of 3.0 or better
3. Demonstrates financial need
4. Must have filed a FAFSA

Ruth Mitnick Memorial Scholarship

Criteria:

1. Sophomore student in nursing
2. Graduate of a Michigan City high school OR
3. Reside in the area served by the Michigan City Area school corporation
4. Demonstrate scholarship ability
5. Demonstrates financial need
6. Must have filed a FAFSA

Patrick J. & Jacqueline E. Mulchay Scholarship

Criteria:

1. Undergraduate nursing student
2. GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Student may receive this scholarship one year only

Dorothy Verdos Scholarship

Criteria:

1. Be a LaPorte County resident
2. Must be able to attend the luncheon meeting of GFWC/IFC Women's Study Club

Lucille I. and Gayle T. Bluhm Scholarship

Criteria:

A. Associate Nursing Students:

1. Enrolled in the AS nursing program
2. GPA of 2.5 or higher

B. Baccalaureate Nursing Students:

1. Enrolled in the Baccalaureate Nursing program
2. GPA of 2.5 or higher

Sandra Calkins Kowalski Community Nursing Fund for Purdue University North Central

Criteria:

1. Baccalaureate Nursing Student
2. Must plan to work in or be currently employed in community or public health nursing

Duneland Health Council Scholarship (Tentative)

Criteria:

A. Associate Nursing Students:

1. Enrolled in the AS nursing program
2. Enrollment minimum: 11 credit hours
3. Resident of Michigan City or LaPorte (Northern LaPorte County)
4. GPA of 3.0 or greater

B. Baccalaureate Nursing Students:

1. Enrolled in the BS nursing program
2. Enrollment minimum: 6 credit hours
3. Resident of Michigan City or LaPorte (Northern LaPorte County)
4. GPA of 3.0 or greater

AWARDS

Founders' Award for Excellence in Nursing

This award is given to nursing students who demonstrate excellence in nursing scholarship and passion for the nursing profession. Students who will be graduating in the next one or two semesters, have outstanding academic performance, and have the required supporting information are strongly encouraged to apply.

Criteria:

1. Complete the requirements for the PNC A.S. degree in nursing during the current academic year.
2. Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5
3. Demonstrate commitment to excellence in nursing.

Application Requirements:

1. Complete the scholarship application form and indicate that you are applying for the Founder's Award.
2. Submit a copy of a current Purdue University transcript.
3. Obtain references from at least three nursing professionals with a minimum of two being faculty members.
4. Provide documents supporting a commitment to excellence in nursing (i.e., acceptance or enrollment in an upper division nursing program, participation in university or community activities, examples of scholarly work such as term papers, class presentations, or attendance at professional conferences).

Implementation:

1. Submit application and supportive materials to the nursing office by the deadline of March 1st.
2. The recipient of the award will be selected by the members of the Nursing Scholarship Committee with the members of the committee excluded from providing references. The Committee will order the check from the Bursar's Office and also notify Financial Aid of the name of the recipient.