

ANA- Maine Nursing Student Scholarship Criteria

What is this scholarship?

- There are two scholarships available in the fall and two available in the spring. Each season has (1) \$1,000 scholarship for a student enrolled in a BSN program, and (1) \$1,000 scholarship for a student enrolled in an advanced nursing degree.

Who is eligible?

- Individuals currently enrolled and matriculated in a Maine state-approved, *accredited* registered nursing program leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate, masters or doctoral degree in nursing
- Doctoral candidates in out of state programs may apply with permanent residency in Maine
- Enrolled in at least half-time status and has successfully completed 30 credits of program curriculum
- Must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA and be in good standing with academic institution
- Member of ANA Maine or Student Nurses' Association Membership

When will the scholarship(s) be awarded?

Spring Event/Annual Meeting

Who chooses the recipient(s)?

Student affairs committee chair and three other members will complete a rubric for each application. Applications are blinded by student affairs committee member and given to chair for blind reviewing by the committee and the winners are announced to the ANA-Maine Board.

What documents are required with the application?

- Copy of the most recent transcript and degree audit
- Proof of ANA-Maine membership or Student Nurses' Association Membership
- Essay describing how nursing will/has impacted your life
- 1 professional/academic letter of recommendation

Opens for application on March 1st for Spring Award and July 1st for Fall Award

Application deadline April 15th for Spring Award, and August 15th for Fall Award

ANA-Maine Nursing Student Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Cell phone: _____ DOB: _____

ANA-Maine Scholarship Rubric

(to be filled out by Scholarship Review Committee)

Year: _____

Application number _____

Is the application complete (check boxes that have been completed)?

Degree Audit/Transcript?	ANA or SNA member?	Essay?	Recommendation Letter?

Essay Rubric

Areas of Assessment	4 pts	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Ideas	Presents ideas in an original manner	Presents ideas in a consistent manner	Ideas are too general	Ideas are vague or unclear
Organization	Strong and organized beginning/middle/ending	Organized beg/mid/end	Some organization; attempt at a beg/mid/end	No organization; lack beg/mid/end
Understanding	Writing shows strong understanding of purpose	Writing shows clear understanding	Writing shows adequate understanding	Writing shows little understanding
Word Choice	Sophisticated use of nouns and verbs make essay very informative	Nouns and verbs make essay informative	Needs more nouns and verbs	Little or no use of nouns and verbs
Relates essay to the profession of nursing	Essay fulfills and fully develops idea of how nursing has impacted applicant	Essay describes how nursing has impacted applicant	Essay mentions how nursing has impacted applicant	Essay negates how nursing has impacted applicant
Mechanics	Few (if any) errors	Few errors	Several errors	Numerous errors

Scholarship Recommendation Letter

The Student Affairs Committee appreciates your evaluation of this scholarship applicant's strengths and potential future for success. Your letter is not confidential. Please return the completed letter to the applicant.

Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____

*Use the following questions as a guide; please write a one-page letter of reference.

- How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances have you become familiar with the applicant's capabilities?
- Describe the student's academic strength
- Discuss the applicant's potential for future success
- Describe any impediments or hardships of which you are aware that the applicant has had to overcome in order to attain academic success

Essay Template

Please write a one-page essay describing how nursing has impacted your life.