



Illinois Nurses Foundation

Dear Nursing Educator,

We deeply appreciate your commitment to our wonderful profession. It is because of you, the future nurses of Illinois are so well prepared to care for their patients. The Illinois Nurses Foundation offers two scholarships annually and we want to make sure your students have the opportunity to be considered. The forms and criteria are also available on our website at www.illinoisnurses.com under the Illinois Nurses Foundation menu.

Please email the INF office at msweeney@illinoisnurses.com with your institution's deadline dates for financial information related to scholarship recipients so we may best serve both the school and the student.

The **Sonne Scholarship** is awarded each year to students working toward their initial nursing degree. The funds awarded vary from year to year. The Sonne Scholarship supports students who demonstrate strong leadership, academic and professional skills. Many of the past recipients have maintained membership in their professional organization and have mentored other students to do the same. We are very proud of these students, and look forward to this year's candidates applications.

The **Davis Scholarship for Future Nurse Educators** was created in 2007. This scholarship, presented annually, will provide a \$1,000 scholarship to the recipient. Students who demonstrate strong academic ability, and desire to become nursing faculty can apply for this. The recipient must agree to serve as nursing faculty in Illinois for a minimum of one year after completing their education.

Thank you again for everything you do! If you have any questions about the scholarships or the Illinois Nurses Foundation, please do not hesitate to call us at 312-419-2900.

Respectfully,

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"Securing the Future of Nursing in Illinois"

ILLINOIS NURSES FOUNDATION
SONNE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Sonne Scholarship Program was created through a generous bequest from the estate of Maybelle Sonne, a retired nurse, who directed that the funds be used to aid those entering a career in nursing.

Members in good standing of the Student Nurse Association of Illinois (SNAI) are eligible for the Illinois Nurses Foundation (INF) Sonne Scholarship. These funds may be used to cover tuition, fees, or other costs encountered by a student enrolled in a state-approved nursing program which leads to eligibility to sit for licensure examination as a registered professional nurse. A committee of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Nurses Foundation will review the scholarship applications and recommend recipients to the full INF Board of Directors who will make the final selection.

Depending on the funds available at the time of recipient selection, up to four scholarships of \$500 to \$1,500 will be awarded in the fall of 2009. The recipients will be recognized ~~at the INF's reception~~ at both the 2009 Illinois Nurses Association (INA) and Student Nurses Association of Illinois (SNAI) conventions. Scholarship recipients will receive a year's free membership in INA upon graduation.

Only complete applications will be considered. Please provide all information requested on the form and attach the additional documentation requested.

Applications must be received in the INA office by Tuesday, May 15, 2009. Send the application to:

Sonne Scholarship Committee
Illinois Nurses Foundation
105 West Adams Street, Suite 2101
Chicago, IL 60603

- 4. Submit a brief essay answering the question: "How will membership in my state nurses association enhance my nursing career?" (double-spaced, single page, 12 point font)

- 5. Submit a brief letter explaining your financial need for the Sonne Scholarship, outlining how you will spend the funds. Be specific in outlining your proposed budget. Note what you will spend on tuition, books, transportation, child care, uniforms for clinical experience or other expenses related to completing your nursing program (for example, \$650 for tuition, \$140 for books, \$250 for travel to school and clinicals, or \$800 for 8 weeks of full time child care). Provide proof of these estimated expenses whenever possible (for example, a copy of a page from the college handbook identifying tuition costs; a copy of your receipt for last semester's books; an estimate of mileage driven each week during the semester (at current IRA allowable rates); or a copy of recent receipt for child care costs).

Please check off the required information before submitting this application:

- 1. a. Proof of enrollment full time part time (check one)
- b. Proof of current grade point average
- c. Statement of intent to enroll in at least 12 semester hours for the 2009-2010 academic year (at least 6 semester hours in fall 2009)
- 2. Letter of support from dean/director or nursing faculty member
- 3. Proof of membership in SNAI
- 4. Statement about membership in my state nurses' association
- 5. Budget/statement of financial need

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.

I attest that all the information I have provided is true. If I am awarded a Sonne Scholarship by INF, I will provide proof of enrollment in at least six semester hours for the fall of 2009 semester before the funds are awarded to me

Signed _____ **Date** _____

This form and the additional information requested must be received in the INA office by May 15, 2009.

ILLINOIS NURSES FOUNDATION
DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP FOR FUTURE NURSE EDUCATORS

Eligibility Criteria

1. Full time or half time student in a National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accredited graduate program of study leading to a degree with an emphasis in Nursing Education.
2. Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 on a scale of 4.0 (documented by official transcript reflecting previous term's grades).
3. Written recommendation by a nursing faculty member.
4. Completed application form and supporting materials.
5. Evidences leadership in the profession of nursing.
6. Demonstrates recognition for modeling a pattern of excellence.
7. Contributes to one or more professional organizations.
8. Reflects skills of strong communications and interactions with colleagues, students and clients.
9. States the intention to serve as faculty in Illinois for one academic year.

Amount of Scholarship Award: \$1000.00

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ILLINOIS NURSES FOUNDATION
DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP FOR FUTURE NURSING FACULTY

APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Name of Nursing Education Program: _____

Address of Institution: _____

Status of Professional Program's Accreditation: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, indicate accrediting agency:

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) _____

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) _____

Graduate Student Status: Full time _____ Part Time ____ / ____ (%)

Academic Rank: _____

Please attach letter of recommendation from one nursing faculty member which addresses that the applicant:

- a. Demonstrates recognition for modeling a pattern of excellence
- b. Evidences leadership in the profession of nursing.
- c. Reflects skills of strong communications and interactions with colleagues, students and clients.

Contributes to membership in one or more professional organizations as listed: ___

If selected as the recipient of this scholarship, nominee agrees to have name posted on the INF website: Yes _____ No _____

If selected as a recipient, it is my intent to serve for a minimum of one year as a faculty member in an Illinois school of nursing: Yes _____ No _____

Signature: _____ Date _____