***Monmouth County School Nurses Association***

***Master’s Degree Scholarship***

***Application Deadline March 15, 2024***

The Monmouth County School Nurses Association (MCSNA) is committed to facilitating and advocating for high standards in professional school nursing and school health services, and to encouraging and delivering professional education advancement, advocacy, and leadership in school nursing. MCSNA is dedicated to promoting advanced graduate education beyond certification for Monmouth County members.

***Eligibility Requirements***

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Applicant must be a **current** and **active** member of the Monmouth County School Nurses Association. ***Active member is defined as attending a minimum of 2 meetings per year and or serving on a committee.***

Applicant must provide evidence of active licensure as a New Jersey Registered Professional Nurse.

A CSN-NJ applicant must be enrolled in or be accepted by a **graduate degree program** in nursing or a related field at an accredited college or university. Applicant must provide evidence of NJDOE endorsement as a Certified School Nurse. OR If the applicant is enrolled in a CSN Master Level program to obtain the MSN & CSN certification, this must be clearly stated in application. **Proof of such must be included in application packet.**

**All application materials must be received by the scholarship chair by March 15, 2024.**

**Applicant must not be the recipient of a previous Master’s Degree scholarship from**

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***Application Requirements***

***\*\*The following items must be submitted for candidates to be considered***

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Completed MCSNA Master’s Degree Scholarship Application Form

Two letters of recommendation (at least one must be from faculty if already taking classes) Copy of New Jersey license as a Registered Professional Nurse

Copy of New Jersey Department of Education School Nurse Endorsement (if applicable) Proof of admission or matriculation into a **graduate degree program** in nursing or a related field at an accredited college or university

Essay (Minimum 250 words) stating:

Applicant’s educational and career goals, extracurricular activities/community, and how this scholarship will help you reach your goals.\*\*Application reviews will be based on this criteria – please be thorough\*\*

Interviews may be required of scholarship finalists.

Incomplete paperwork will not be reviewed.

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***Scholarship Essay***

In a separate 1-2 page double spaced document (minimum 250 words), discuss your vision for school nursing and/or how the pursuit of this graduate degree will enhance your role in improving the health and educational success of children and youth. Please include financial need, personal motivation, educational and career goals, and extracurricular activities/community service in your content.

This scholarship essay can help the committee to gain as much information and insight about you as a person, and as a student, thus enabling the committee to make a critical decision on who receives scholarships. The scholarship essay can be a critical factor on whether you are selected for a scholarship opportunity.

***Selection Criteria***

The MCSNA Scholarship Committee will first determine that each application is complete and complies with eligibility& submission requirements.

Scholarships will be based on the following - financial need, personal motivation, educational and career goals, and extracurricular activities/community service, recommendation letters, as well as consider the overall quality of the application and the funds available to the Scholarship Committee for scholarships. Incomplete paperwork will not be reviewed.

***Notification of Awards & Disbursement***

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Recipient will be notified via postal mail and/or e-mail in late April/early May.

Award recipient will be recognized at the annual Monmouth County School Nurses Association Annual Dinner in May.

***Disbursement Contract***

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Disbursement will be made to College/University where awardee is enrolled.

Recipient shall notify Monmouth County School Nurses Association scholarship chairperson immediately of a change of name, address or enrollment status in school.

Award may be deferred in the case of disability, major illness or accident which prevents the recipient from completing the semester.

Award must be returned to MCSNA in the event the student does not enroll in courses for the immediate summer or fall semester, without proof of incidences noted in # 2 above.

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***Scholarship Awards & Expectations***

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The number of scholarships will vary depending on the amount of scholarship funds available. Generally, scholarships are in the amount of $500-$1000.

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**Scholarship awards must be applied towards tuition at the educational institution.**

***Paying It Forward***

It is **strongly advised** that award recipients commit to ‘paying it forward’ to the Monmouth County School Nurses Association upon completion of their current educational experience, by volunteering their time and talent in ***active membership.*** This can involve membership on a committee, volunteering for an Executive Board position, or sharing one’s research at a county meeting and regularly attending meetings for at least two years.

***MCSNA Scholarship Chair***

**Questions and completed applications MUST be received by March 15, 2024, and can be emailed (with required documents scanned and attached) directly to the MCSNA Scholarship Committee, Karen Haber** karen.a.haber@gmail.com**; or sent via postal mail:**

Karen Haber

MCSNA Scholarship Committee 639 B Devonshire Lane Manchester, NJ 08759

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nursing license, and proof of program enrollment by March 15,

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Name

Address

Home Phone Cell College/University

Address

Program Program Coordinator/Chair Phone E-mail Date Admitted Expected date of completion Two references writing recommendation letters:

1. Name Contact Information
2. Name

Contact Information

Applicant Signature

Date

\* Submit this application form along with required essay, letters of recommendation, copy of

2024 to the MCSNA

Scholarship Committee as indicated. **Incomplete paperwork will not be reviewed.**

***All application documents MUST be received by either email or postal mail by March 15!***

***No exceptions will be made. Incomplete paperwork will not be reviewed.***

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