***Monmouth County School Nurses Association***

***School Nurse Certificate Scholarship***

***Application Deadline March 15, 2*024**

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. As certification is a requirement for nurses working in schools in New Jersey, MCSNA is dedicated to promoting education and supporting state certification for Monmouth County members.

***Eligibility Requirements***

1.

Applicant must be a **current and active** member of the Monmouth County School Nurses Association.

2.

Applicant must be a New Jersey Registered Professional Nurse. **Proof of such must be included in application packet (Copy of current nursing license).**

3.

Applicant must be enrolled in or be accepted by an accredited college or university, with a New Jersey State Department of Education approved School Nurse Certification Program. **Proof of such must be included in application packet, and would include either a letter of admission into program, verification letter from program faculty, or current transcripts)**

4.

**All application materials must be compiled and submitted together and received by the scholarship chair no later than March 15, 2024. Earlier submissions are welcome.**

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**Applicant must not be the recipient of a previous scholarship from MCSNA.**

***Application Requirements***

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

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Completed MCSNA School Nurse Certification Scholarship Application Form Two letters of recommendation (at least one must be from current program faculty) Copy of current New Jersey license as a Registered Professional Nurse

Proof of admission to/or enrollment in a NJDOE Approved School Nurse Certification Program

Essay (Minimum 250 words) stating:

educational objectives, career goals, financial need, past and current extracurricular activities (community involvement) and how this scholarship will help you reach your goals.\*\*Application reviews will be based on this criteria – so please be thorough\*\* Interviews may be required of scholarship finalists.

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***Scholarship Essay***

In a separate 1-2 page double spaced document (minimum 250 words), relate your vision for your school nursing practice and/or how you envision your role in improving the health and educational success of children and youth. ***Your essay should include your thoughts related to the value a school nurse certification program brings to your ability to function in the role.*** Also, please include any other relevant information (financial need, personal motivation, educational and career goals, and extracurricular activities/community service in your content).

This scholarship essay will 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. Proofread your essay prior to submission!

***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, recommendation letters, educational and career goals, and extracurricular activities/community service, as well as consider the overall quality of the application and the funds available to the Scholarship Committee for scholarships.

***Notification of Awards & Disbursement***

1. Recipient will be notified via postal mail or e-mail in mid-late April.

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

***Disbursement Contract***

1.

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

2.

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

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

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4. 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.

***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 anticipated 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 involving*** membership on a committee, volunteering for an Executive Board position, or sharing one’s research at a county meeting for at least one year.

***MCSNA Scholarship Chair***

**Questions and completed applications MUST be received by March 15, 2024, and can be emailed (with all required documents scanned) 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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Name

Address

Home Phone Cell

College/University

Address

Program Coordinator/Chair

Phone E-mail

Date Admitted

Expected date of completion

Two references writing recommendation letters (included in packet to be submitted:

1. Name

Contact Information

2. Name

Contact Information

Applicant Signature

Date

\* Submit this application form along with required essay, letters of recommendation, copy of nursing license, and proof of program enrollment in same packet, by March 15 to the MCSNA Scholarship Committee as indicated.

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

***No exceptions will be made.***

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