South Carolina Nurse Retention Scholarship

Graduate Scholarship Application Fact Sheet

The 2023 scholarship application is available from

January 1 – February 15, 2023 and June 15- July 31, 2023

Who is eligible?

Recent graduates (in the past 12 months) who have completed a 4-year nursing program leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing – BSN or a 2-year nursing program leading to an Associate's Degree in Nursing – ADN. The successful completion of the NCLEX-RN with unrestricted licensing is required.

What criteria are used for selection?

The South Carolina Nurse Retention Scholarship (SCNRS) is the only scholarship that is dedicated to retaining top nursing talent in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. We are able to offer recent Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) grads (recent meaning within the last 12 months) – up to $12,000 (BSN grads) or $6,000 (ADN grads) over a 2 year period based on merit, dedication to the nursing profession, financial need, educational mobility and your desire to remain employed in primary medical care in Beaufort or Jasper County – including specific geographic areas where funding has been made available. We welcome nurse graduate applicants who represent the diversity of our community.

How much money is available to recipients?

In 2023 we will be awarding scholarships which will pay BSN's $12,000 and ADN's $6,000 over a 2-year period.

With proof of continued employment in a Beaufort or Jasper County licensed healthcare facility along with verification of membership in a nationally recognized nursing organization a taxable stipend of $3,000 (BSN) or $1,500 (ADN) will be paid semi- annually.

These stipends are considered taxable income, however, because they are awards, they are not subject to Social Security and Medicare taxes.

When will the scholarship be awarded?

Scholarship recipients will be announced within 30 days after the enrollment period ends and recipients will be notified by letter. Payments will begin six months from the date of formal notification that you are a recipient of the award.

Are there any restrictions on how I can use the money?

No. You can use it for childcare, education, debt, transportation, housing etc.

What if I can't commit to the full 2 years, I leave the area or I change jobs?

You can change employment within the geographic area and will remain in the program. If you leave the area you are required to advise us, and future payments simply stop.

Who chooses the recipients?

A Selection Committee has been appointed by the SCNRS Fund and includes a diverse representation from nursing, human resources, and executive management. Committee decisions are final.

When is the application available?

*Applications will be accepted:

January 1 – February 15, 2023, and June 15- July 31, 2023

*Applicants must have graduated within the 12-month period prior to the application start date.

The application can be completed online or downloaded as a PDF file. Completed

PDF applications must be emailed or mailed to:

SCNRS
c/o Connie Muscarella
11 Mulberry Road
Bluffton, SC 29910

EMAIL:
cnj123@me.com

What is the deadline for completed applications?

Applications must be emailed or postmarked by the final day of the application period.

What documents are required with the application?

Along with the completed application form, all applicants must submit a resume, two letters of recommendation (one professional and one personal), and a typed essay.

NOTE: The Selection Committee will verify RN licensure through the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Nursys® Database.

Will interviews be conducted?

This process will be determined based on the number of applicants. Interviews may be conducted via phone, Zoom, or in- person.