
MARCH OF DIMES FLORIDA CHAPTER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide access to nursing education opportunities and help ensure the future of quality healthcare in Florida, University of Phoenix, in partnership with the March of Dimes Florida Chapter, is offering four full-tuition scholarships to nurses pursuing advanced degrees (RN to BSN, RN to MSN) in maternal-child nursing. One full-tuition scholarship will be awarded at each of the four University of Phoenix campuses in Florida (North Florida, Central Florida, West Florida and South Florida) for a total of four scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a legal a legal resident of the United States; have been granted permanent residency; have a valid visa that does not prohibit educational studies; have been granted temporary protected status along with approved Notice of Action issued by Citizen Immigration Services and verified through CIS Form g-845; or have been granted asylum along with the approved Notice of Action issued by the Citizen Immigration Services;
- Applicant must not be currently enrolled nor in the process of enrolling at any University of Phoenix campus or in any online program at any time prior to the scholarship award date. Applicants who enroll after submitting an application or before the scholarship award date are not eligible to be a recipient of this scholarship;
- Applicant must be a resident of Florida;
- Applicant must not be currently receiving or will be receiving once enrolled 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s);
- Applicants applying for the BSN scholarship must hold a current Florida Registered Nurse License that is valid, unrestricted and unencumbered, and must meet all [admission requirements](#) for the BSN programs as stated in the University catalog;
- Applicants applying for the MSN scholarship hold a current Florida Registered Nurse License that is valid, unrestricted and unencumbered and a bachelor's degree in nursing or other accredited bachelor's degree and must meet all [admission requirements](#) for the RN/MSN program as stated in the University catalog;
- Applicant must submit a completed essay. High importance will be placed on the applicant's desire to advance in their education, with an emphasis on furthering their careers, and their impact on a current challenge facing the health care and nursing field today. To be considered, the essay must meet the following requirements:
 - Each of the five essay questions should be answered in complete sentences and paragraph format. Essay cannot exceed 500 words and must include all five sections. Essays exceeding 500 words will render the application ineligible. Please note that the required section labels are not included in the word count. (essay sections are below);
- Applicant must submit a recommendation letter from a current or past employer, or former instructor. The written recommendation cannot exceed 300 words. Please inform the person writing the recommendation that your application will not be reviewed if their recommendation exceeds 300 words;
- Employees or family members of the March of Dimes, Apollo Group, Inc., University of Phoenix, Western International University, Institute for Professional Development or any other subsidiaries of Apollo Group, Inc. are not eligible;
- Applicants must submit a complete application via e-mail to fscholarship@marchofdimes.com by May 15, 2009. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to the applicant.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The recipient of this Scholarship will be selected by the Scholarship Committee consisting of representatives from University of Phoenix and March of Dimes.
- It is the student's responsibility to submit a complete application as a single e-mail attachment which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to a review process.
- Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability.
- The scholarship will be based on the overall quality of the application, the committee's scores for the scholarship essay, and the recommendation submitted by the applicant. The higher average score, the better chance you have of receiving a scholarship.

Deadline Date

- A complete application and supporting documentation, if any, must be received on or before May 15, 2009. Applications received after the designated deadline date will not be considered. No exceptions.

Award Date

- The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarship by June 30, 2009. You will be notified via email on the award date regarding the status of your scholarship.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applicants must submit a complete application via e-mail to flscholarship@marchofdimes.com by May 15, 2009.

Deadline extensions will not be granted. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.

For any additional information, please contact Lori Reeves at lreeves@marchofdimes.com or 407-599-5077.

CHECK LIST:

- March of Dimes Florida Chapter Nursing Scholarship Form completed and signed
- Letter of recommendation
- Complete essay
- A photocopy of your nursing license
- Keep a copy of entire packet for your records

Application Completion: In order to type information into the form, please click on the Typewriter icon in the purple box at the top of the page. You will then be allowed to type the content into the line where indicated.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check the box for the University of Phoenix scholarship you are applying for:

Undergraduate (RN to BSN)

Graduate (RN to MSN)

LICENSE & CERTIFICATION

RN state & license # _____

Certification type & year _____

EDUCATION

Undergraduate Information

Degree _____ School _____

Graduation year _____ Undergraduate GPA _____

Basic Nursing Program

School _____ Graduation year _____

Graduate Information (if previously earned)

Degree _____ School _____

Graduation year _____ Graduate GPA _____

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, VOLUNTEER WORK, AWARDS

ACNM Membership # _____

AWHONN Membership# _____

NANN Membership # _____

Other Memberships _____

March of Dimes Volunteer work

Awards/Honors

EMPLOYMENT

Current employer _____

Current title _____

Date of employment _____

Previous employer 1 _____

Previous employment title 1 _____

Date of employment 1 _____

Previous employer 2 _____

Previous employment title 2 _____

Date of employment 2 _____

PUBLICATIONS (Full citation for up to three publications; most recent publications are preferred)

Please note publications are not a required component of the application.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

PRESENTATIONS (Full citation for up to three presentations; most recent presentations are preferred)

Please note presentations are not a required component of the application.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

RECOMMENDATION

Full-name _____

Position _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Evening: _____

Insert recommendation here (300 words maximum) – Recommendations exceeding 300 words will not be considered

ESSAY

Answer each question in paragraph format. Essay cannot exceed 500 words and must include the sections listed below. Please be sure to label each section in your essay. Essays exceeding 500 words will render the application ineligible. Please note that the required section labels are not included in the word count.

▪ **Major Accomplishments**

- How have they impacted your life? Do not limit yourself to recognized/celebrated accomplishments, but include those which may have seemed small at the time they occurred but became crucial when placed in the context of your life.

▪ **Why you should be awarded the scholarship**

- When you consider your nursing career, what attribute, quality or skill distinguishes you from everyone else? How did you develop this attribute?

▪ **Strengths/Weaknesses**

- What is your greatest strength and what area do you think you could improve? How do your strengths compliment your career choice? On areas which may seem a weakness, what are your strategies for improvement?

▪ **Career goals**

- How do you envision your future in nursing practice and how will additional education through the University of Phoenix contribute to this vision? How do your career goals correlate with the March of Dimes mission?

▪ **Challenges**

- How have they impacted your life? Do not limit yourself to recognized/celebrated accomplishments, but include those which may have seemed small at the time they occurred but became crucial when placed in the context of your life.

Essay cont...

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____ School _____ Colleague _____ Website

If other, please indicate where _____

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX: TERMS, CONDITIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

By applying for a University of Phoenix scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant/recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions for the distribution of scholarship funds.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of Apollo Group, Inc. and University of Phoenix regardless if applicant is awarded the scholarship. In addition, you agree to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University in executing a consent and release form if requested.
2. Upon the award of the scholarship and applicant's acceptance, Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix shall have the right to use and republish submitted application and any of its contents to reference and acknowledge applicant's/recipient's name and authorship of the application for any purpose, whatsoever. In addition, applicant/recipient agrees to cooperate with the Apollo Group, Inc. and/or University of Phoenix in executing a consent and release form if requested.
3. Scholarship award is a non-cash credit to your University account in the amount stated by scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be given and/or refunded to student at any time. No exceptions.
4. Scholarship may be applied to tuition and fees only, as specified on the scholarship application; education supplies and living expenses are not included.
5. If you are a current student you are not receiving or if you have not enrolled you will not receive a total of 100% tuition reimbursement from any source(s).
6. Applicant/recipient must meet all University of Phoenix admissions requirements for selected program and campus. Information regarding admissions is available in the University of Phoenix Catalog. Scholarship may only be used toward degrees that are specified on the scholarship application; doctoral degrees are not covered by the scholarship, no exceptions.
7. Applicant/recipient must enroll at University of Phoenix no later than thirty (30) days following the scholarship award date, unless otherwise determined by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Applicants who enroll during the scholarship process or before the award date are not eligible for the scholarship and any such enrollment in violation of these scholarship terms and conditions will result in the termination of the scholarship award.
8. Applicant/recipient must stay in attendance as a full time student with no more than a twenty-nine (29) day break (or 21 days if attending a Georgia campus) between classes.
9. Applicant/recipient must maintain the minimum grade point average for selected degree program, make satisfactory progress towards completing selected degree program (satisfactory progress is measured as successfully completing a minimum of 16 credits during each 24 attempted credits), and complete selected degree program within the maximum time frame allowed according to federal regulations (The maximum time frame allowed is based on the required number of credits for graduation from the degree program, less any transfer or assessed credits, times 150%).
10. Should recipient withdraw from or otherwise fail to complete a course for which registered and for which the Scholarship or a portion of the Scholarship has been used to pay, any refund due shall be only applied to recipient's University Account as a non-cash credit. In no event will any cash refund be given at any time. No exceptions.
11. If recipient wishes to re-take a course, recipient must pay the entire cost of the course. No scholarship award will be given on a re-taken course. A "re-take" of a course means scholarship recipient has completed the course to a point of earning a letter grade of A-F and has been scheduled to repeat the same course.
12. Recipient will relinquish all unused scholarship credits should recipient fail to meet the above terms and conditions for any reason. Determinations of failure to meet the stated terms will be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Any unused portion of the Scholarship will be returned to the University and is non-transferable. This scholarship does not apply towards doctoral degree programs.

13. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination or clarification as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the Scholarship Committee and/or University officials in their sole discretion. Furthermore, the University reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.
14. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the scholarship will result in termination of the scholarship.
15. In the event that any provision of the terms and conditions of this Scholarship shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of shall remain in full force and effect.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. I have read and agreed to the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand the nature of the Scholarship and the extent of my obligations.
2. I certify to the best of my knowledge and ability that the above statements are true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of fact is cause for disqualification and my application will not be considered.
3. This application is subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the applicable University catalog in the event of a conflict between the terms of the scholarship and the catalog, the terms of the scholarship will control.
4. This application and the University of Phoenix terms and conditions and distribution of funds (collectively "Application") may be executed electronically via email. By submitting this Application via email I acknowledge and agree that I have consented to sign the Application electronically. By signing this Application electronically via email, I further agree that an electronic copy of this Application will be valid and given full force and effect and considered an original. The electronic Application will not be denied legal effect because it was executed electronically.

Printed Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign below. By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in this application is accurate.

Printed Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ **Date:** _____

Address (If different from child's): _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ **Evening:** _____