

## **Iowa 100 Great Nurses Scholarship Application & Criteria**

### **Purpose Statement:**

The Iowa 100 Great Nurses Scholarships promote professional nursing in Iowa by supporting the continued education of future nurse leaders. Scholarship recipients will articulate a commitment to educational accomplishment and professional goals to enhance the delivery of quality health care in Iowa through practice, research or teaching. Recipients will have been identified by members of their community, practice or educational setting for characteristics consistent with future professional success.

Applicants can be full or part time students attending an approved program leading to an ADN, BSN, or MSN in Nursing or a PhD in Nursing or a related field, such as education.

### **Awards:**

#### ***Pre-licensure (ADN) or RN-BSN***

- For students expecting to graduate within one year, with a career plan to work in Iowa.
- **Two recipients will each receive a \$500 scholarship.**

#### ***MSN or PhD***

- For students who have completed at least 12 semester hours of graduate work leading to a Masters Degree in Nursing or PhD in nursing or a related field.
- Must have a career plan to work in Iowa.
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### **Application Process:**

Complete the following check list to assure all components of the application are received in the Iowa Nurses Foundation office by **February 1**. Each document submitted must clearly identify the following information:

- Applicant name and address.
- Scholarship level applicant is seeking (ADN/BSN or MSN/PhD)

All materials must be mailed directly to:

Iowa Nurses Foundation  
1501 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 471  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

- Applicant** to submit a Professional Promise Essay and resume or vitae attachment and current academic transcript(s) directly to the Iowa Nurses Foundation, 1501 42nd Street, Suite 471, West Des Moines, IA 50266. See details next page.
- Academic transcripts from all institutions where nursing coursework was completed.
- Required letters of reference must be sent directly to the Iowa Nurses Foundation at the above address. See reference form, page three.

## **Application content/information**

- 1) Professional Promise Essay (Form and style will be evaluated for punctuation, grammar and spelling)
  - A. For Pre-licensure or RN-BSN students:
    - What are your career goals?
    - Describe the area(s) of nursing practice where you believe you have something special to offer. Discuss your interest in that area and how your interest and goals will enhance the delivery of quality health care in Iowa.
    - Provide a statement of how this financial assistance would impact your ability to meet your educational goals. Award recipients will be expected to provide progress reports on actual use of the funds and educational progress.
    - Provide **two** professional letters of reference supporting your desire and ability to meet your goals.
  - B. For MSN or PhD students:
    - What are your career goals?
    - Describe the area(s) of nursing practice where you believe you have something special to offer. Discuss your interest in that area and how your interest and goals will enhance the delivery of quality health care in Iowa through practice, research or teaching.
    - Provide a statement of how this financial assistance would impact your ability to meet your educational goals. Award recipients will be expected to provide progress reports on actual use of the funds and educational progress.
    - Provide **three** professional letters of reference supporting your desire and ability to meet your goals.
- 2) Attach a resume or vitae including the following information items.
  - Service activities in nursing, including involvement in any state or national nursing organizations that demonstrate leadership or professional development.
  - Service activities in non-nursing areas that demonstrate leadership or community service.
  - Academic standing. Transcripts will be required.

## **Iowa 100 Great Nurses Scholarship Reference Request**

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As part of the applicant process, you have been asked to write a reference for the following individual:

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship applicant is seeking: \_\_\_\_\_  
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