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**Web Sites**

### American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
Grants and Scholarships
Provides financial assistance to academy members who wish to pursue graduate study.
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### American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)/CampusRN Scholarship Center
AACN and CampusRN has scholarship information on their website and financial aid for nursing students. They offer a $2,500 nursing scholarship to a deserving student every 60 days. In order to assist worthy applicants who are not selected, they have also expanded their online database, which lists hundreds of grants and scholarship opportunities.
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### American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
Scholarships and Financial Aid Resources for Nursing Students
[http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/financialaid.htm](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/financialaid.htm)
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### American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)
AACN provides a variety of programs and resources to assist members in conducting research projects and using research to shape their practice. Click on Education to find out more about the Professional Advancement Scholarship Program.
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### American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Foundation
Research Grants
[http://www.aana.com/aanaaffiliates/aanafoundation/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.aana.com/aanaaffiliates/aanafoundation/Pages/default.aspx)
Note: requires membership to access application form.
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### American College of Nurse-Midwives
Financing Your Nurse-Midwifery Degree
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American College of Nurse-Midwives
State Loan Repayment Program
http://www.midwife.org/State-Loan-Repayment-Program
The State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) is part of the overall strategy of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to improve access to underserved communities. Loan repayment awards made through this program are funded with a combination of Federal, State, and community funds. Since the program's inception, 38 States have participated, awarding over 1500 loan repayment awards to primary care health professionals.
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American School Health Association Scholarships
http://www.ashaweb.org/
Deadline: April 1
Look for the scholarship link under ASHA and School Health. ASHA provides financial assistance to students whose academic and professional goals include the health of youth. The Association awards three scholarships of $500 annually, one each to students in these specializations: School Health Education, School Nursing, and Pediatric / Adolescent Medicine or Dentistry.
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Association of American Medical Colleges
Database of Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Programs
http://services.aamc.org/fed_loan_pub/index.cfm?fuseaction=public.welcome&CFID=6219040&CFTOKEN=1acfe07-89d03a8c-8e9f-4345-ad2f-fbc6a415606a
There is a great need to improve the distribution, supply, quality, utilization and efficiency of health personnel in underserved areas. The AAMC database lists financial aid programs, scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards and other incentives to attract and retain health care workers.
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Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN)
Scholarship FAQs
http://www.aorn.org/Tertiary.aspx?id=21264&terms=scholarship#axzz29kQ0NkcC
(1) Scholarship Program: The AORN Foundation Scholarship Program offers financial support to students enrolled in nursing schools and to perioperative nurses pursuing bachelors, masters, or doctoral degrees. With the critical nursing shortage and the cost of higher education, the AORN Foundation Board of Trustees knows it is of the utmost importance to fund scholarships for students pursuing careers in nursing and for nurses advancing their professional careers.
(2) Educational Grants: Complex patient needs, new advances in technology, and economic pressures are driving the need for more education. Nurses need innovative continuing education programs to maintain competency and to ensure safe and high-quality patient care. The AORN Foundation is committed to provide continuing education grant funds to meet these needs.
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Association of Rehabilitation Nursing
Scholarship Program
http://www.rehabnurse.org/awards/content/Scholarships.html
ARN offers a number of opportunities each year, including a Nurses in Washington Internship (NIWI), a BSN Scholarship ($1500) for nurses working toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, a graduate Scholarship ($1,500) for nurses working toward a Master’s of Science in Nursing (MSN) or a
doctorate degree in nursing (PhD, DNP, or DNS/DNSc), and a Mary Ann Mikulic Scholarship covering one full tuition scholarship for the Professional Rehabilitation Nursing Online Course. Application information for the scholarship usually appears on the web site in January of each year.
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Daughters of the American Revolution
Medical and Nursing Scholarships
http://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships/nursing-medical-scholarships
One-time awards of $1,000 for students enrolled at the graduate level in nursing school or school of occupational therapy
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DiscoverNursing.com Scholarship Listings
http://www.discovernursing.com/scholarships#no-filters
Johnson and Johnson provides this directory of 363 nursing scholarships.
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Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions
Bayada Award for Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice
http://www.drexel.edu/cnhp/newsEvents/events/BayadaAwards/
Deadline: May 2
A new future of nursing practice is on the horizon, driven by surging demand, workforce shortages and technological innovation. Now, more than ever, nursing educators who must prepare students for the changing workplace, and nurses who must meet the challenges of patient care must create and adopt new technology. Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions has a tradition of innovation. Recognizing the importance of advanced technology into nursing, in 2004 Drexel initiated the Bayada Award for Technological Innovation in Nursing Education and Practice.
THE GOAL: to reward and recognize the lasting and vital contributions of nurses through their use of technology.
THE AWARDS: Two $10,000 Cash Prizes. One $10,000 prize was awarded to a nursing educator or a practicing nurse whose innovation leads to improved nursing education and student outcomes. One $10,000 prize was given to a nurse educator or practicing nurse whose innovation leads to improved patient care and patient care outcomes.
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Eight and Forty Lung and Respiratory Disease Nursing Scholarship Fund
http://www.legion.org/scholarships/5480/nurse-scholarship-applications-available-feb-1
Deadline: May 15 and awards announced on July 1
Established to assist registered nurses (RN) with advanced preparation for positions in supervision, administration or teaching. Students are to have prospects of being employed in specific positions in hospitals, clinics or health departments on completion of their education and the position must have a full-time and direct relationship to pediatric lung and respiratory control. Applicants must hold a current Registered Nurse license. Scholarship awards are $3,000 each. Full details may be secured from the local Eight and Forty Scholarship Chairman or The American Legion, Attn: Eight and Forty Scholarships, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.
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Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Foundation Research and Scholarship Opportunities
http://www.ena.org/foundation/grants/Pages/default.aspx
Deadline: June 1
Provide scholarships as well as research support in the area of emergency nursing.
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ExceptionalNurse.com Scholarships for Nurses With Disabilities
http://www.exceptionalnurse.com/scholarship.php
Scholarships designated for students with disabilities are quite limited. Students are urged to pursue scholarships related to disability as well as those with criteria other than disability. Some nursing students with disabilities may be eligible for Social Security benefits or vocational rehabilitation services. The web pages in this entry provide information about scholarship opportunities, Social Security benefits, Vocational Rehabilitation Programs and information from the Internal Revenue Service for people with disabilities.
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Gerontological Society of America Careers in Aging: Funding Sources for Students, Post-Docs, Faculty, and Researchers
http://www.careersinaging.com/careersinaging/funding_streams.html
Provides financial assistance to nursing and other students working on a graduate degree in gerontology.
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Johnson & Johnson Discover Nursing Scholarship Search
http://www.discovernursing.com/nursing-scholarship-search
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MinorityNurse.Com Scholarship Listings
http://www.minoritynurse.com/scholarships
Provides an extensive list of nursing scholarships.
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National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) Scholarships and Awards
http://www.nahnnet.org/NAHNScholarships.html
Application deadline: March 14
These $1000 scholarships are presented to NAHN members enrolled in associate, diploma, baccalaureate, graduate or practical/vocational nursing programs. Selection of recipients is based on current academic standing. Scholarship award recipients are a select group of Hispanic students who demonstrate promise of future professional contributions to the nursing profession and who have the potential to act as role models for other aspiring nursing students. To qualify for the scholarship award, the applicant must be a current member of NAHN, currently enrolled in a school of nursing and be a United States citizen or legal resident of the United States. The number of scholarships offered is dependent upon funding availability.
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National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners (NAPNAP) Foundation, Inc.  
Grants and Scholarships  
http://www.napnap.org/aboutUs/AwardsOpportunities/NAPNAPFoundationGrantsScholarships.aspx
The mission of the NAPNAP Foundation is to support the improvement of the quality of life for children and their families by awarding and administering funds for advanced practice pediatric nursing research, education, clinical projects and special initiatives. Current opportunities include: Nursing Research Grant, Graduate Student Research Grant, Wyeth Immunization Grant, Elaine Gelman Scholarship, McNeil Grant-in-Aid, McNeil PNP Student Scholarship, and McNeil Rural Scholarship.  
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National Black Nurses Association, Inc.  
http://www.nbna.org/content.asp?contentid=82
These awards from $500-$2,000 are for Black students currently enrolled in a nursing program and in good scholastic standing at time of application; must submit nursing school transcript, two letters of recommendation and written essay; applicants must also be members of the NBNA and of a local NBNA chapter if one exists in their area; participation in student nursing activities and involvement in the Black community are weighed heavily.  
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National League for Nursing Education  
http://www.nlnfoundation.org/
The National League for Nursing (NLN) is proud of its continuing alliance with the National Student Nurses' Foundation, the Johnson & Johnson Company's (J & J) Campaign for Nursing's Future, and selected local communities to award scholarships that support the preparation of nurse educators and scholars for faculty roles. The Promise of Nursing Regional Faculty Scholarship Program is designed to address the nursing shortage and expand the number of faculty prepared to teach in pre-licensure nursing programs.  
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National Society: Daughters of the American Revolution  
Nursing Scholarships  
http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm#general
The NSDAR awards the following scholarships through the DAR Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, religion, sex or national origin. All four-year, or more, scholarships must be for consecutive years and are renewable only upon review and approval of annual transcript by respective NSDAR Chairman. All applicants must be citizens of the United States and attend an accredited college or university in the United States. The ONLY exception is the American Indian Scholarship, which is also available for vocational training. All applicants must be sponsored by a local DAR Chapter.  
(1) Nursing School Scholarships: One-time awards of $500. It is only necessary to submit one application for consideration for any award in this group or for the Madeline Picket Halbert Cogswell Nursing Scholarship listed under Special Scholarships.  
(2) Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship: Awarded to students who are in financial need and are accepted and enrolled into an accredited school of nursing. Deadlines: Feb. 15 and Aug. 15  
(3) Mildred Nutting Nursing Scholarship: Awarded to students who have been accepted or are currently enrolled in an accredited school of nursing. Preference will be given to candidates from the greater Lowell, MA area. Deadlines: Feb. 15 and Aug. 15  
(4) Madeline Pickett (Halbert) Cogswell Nursing Scholarship: The Madeline Pickett (Halbert) Cogswell

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Nursing Scholarship is awarded to students who are accepted or enrolled in an accredited school of nursing. Applicants must be members, descendants of members or eligible for membership in NSDAR. DAR Member Number must be on the Application. This is a one-time award of $500. Deadlines: February 15 and August 15.

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**National Student Nurses Association Foundation Scholarships**
http://www.nsna.org/FoundationScholarships.aspx
The Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association (FNSNA) was created in 1969 to honor Frances Tompkins, the Association's first Executive Director. Organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, the Foundation awards scholarships to qualified nursing students. Contributions to the FNSNA are tax-deductible. Since 1974, the FNSNA has awarded over $2 million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students. The Foundation is organized as a 501 (C) (3) charitable foundation.

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**New Look Laser Tattoo Removal Scholarship**
http://www.newlookhouston.com/New_Look_Scholarship.html
Deadline: Scholarships will be awarded twice per year - $1,000 merit-based scholarships for students pursuing higher education with an emphasis in one of the following fields: Nursing, medicine, natural or applied sciences, or engineering. New Look Laser Tattoo Removal is the leading provider of laser tattoo removal in the United States and seeks to make educational opportunities available to those committed to study of subjects that have advanced the field of laser tattoo removal whether through research and development or clinical practice. Eligibility: US citizens or permanent residents with a minimum GPA of 3.0 enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited college or university. A short essay is required.

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**North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA) Foundation for Nursing**
http://www.ncnurses.org/foundation/

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**NursesHouse.org**
http://www.nurseshouse.org/
Nurses House, a 501 (c) (3) organization, provides short-term financial assistance to nurses in need as a result of illness, injury, or disability.

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**Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program**
http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/

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**Nursing Explorer**
Nursing Scholarships
http://www.nursingexplorer.com/scholarships
This is a searchable scholarship database created specifically for nursing students. The scholarships listed here are provided by various nursing associations, educational institutions, foundations, for-profit/non-profit organizations, etc. These are relatively non-competitive scholarships compared to non-major specific scholarships. In addition to being nursing specific, some scholarships give preference to...
minority, veteran and disabled students. So there is a good chance that you may find some money here. Good luck!
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**Nursing Research Grants from the National Institutes of Health**
Use the search engine to identify past and current funding opportunities.
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**Nursing Student Loans**
The Nursing Student Loan program provides long-term, low-interest rate loans to full-time and half-time financially needy students pursuing a course of study leading to a diploma, associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree in nursing.
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**Nursing Student Scholarships**

**Oncology Nursing Society**
**ONS Foundation Scholarships**
[http://www2.ons.org/Awards/ONSAwards](http://www2.ons.org/Awards/ONSAwards)
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**Resources for Nurses and Families: Grant Information**
[http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~wink/grant.html](http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~wink/grant.html)
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**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
**New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program**
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has joined with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to create the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing, a scholarship program to help alleviate the nursing shortage and increase the diversity of nursing professionals. Through grants to schools of nursing, the program will provide scholarships to college graduates without nursing degrees who have been admitted into accelerated baccalaureate and master's nursing programs.
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**Scholarships, Fellowships, and Postdoctoral Awards in Medical Fields**
[http://scholarships.fatomei.com/medicine.html](http://scholarships.fatomei.com/medicine.html)
Covers medicine, dentistry, ophthalmology, optometry, pharmacology, public health, nursing, veterinary science. A compilation of resources by Francisco Alberto Tomei Torres, Ph.D.
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**Sigma Theta Tau International**
**Research Grants**
[http://www.nursingsociety.org/Foundation/Whatedo/Pages/Whatedo.aspx](http://www.nursingsociety.org/Foundation/Whatedo/Pages/Whatedo.aspx)
In 1936, Sigma Theta Tau International funded the first nursing research grant in the United States. Now
the Foundation, in collaboration with grant partners and donations from STTI members and friends of nursing, provides more than US $100,000 annually from the research permanent fund in research grants to nurses around the world. To encourage the advancement of nursing through research around the globe, the Foundation’s Research Permanent Fund provides funding for small and collaborative research grants. (Last checked 09/21/14)

**Tylenol Health Education Scholarships**
$250,000 in scholarships to students pursuing healthcare-related education at an accredited institution, including ten $10,000 and thirty $5,000 grants. Complete guidelines and applications are available at the Tylenol Web site. (Last checked 09/21/14)

**Databases**

**Foundation Grants to Individuals Online (Subscription Only)**
http://gtionline.fdncenter.org/ipl.php
Includes descriptions of more than 6,000 foundations and public charities that fund individual grant seekers, and is searchable by nine different criteria. Records provide contact information, financial data, application information, and program descriptions, with links to more than 500 foundation Web sites. Updated quarterly. (Last checked 09/21/14)

**DiscoverNursing.Com Scholarship Search**
This site, posted by Johnson and Johnson Health Care Systems, currently lists 265 funding opportunities for nurses. (Last checked 09/21/14)

**FastWeb**
http://www.fastweb.com/
If you have access to the World Wide Web and are willing to fill in the online forms, this service promises a free customized list of financial aid sources. FastWeb is actually a searchable database of more than 400,000 private sector scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans from more than 3,000 sources for all levels of higher education. First-time visitors have to register (first and last name and a user ID), then complete a profile, including background and fields of study. Registrants then receive a list of all currently relevant funding sources. The registration information is stored and can be used on subsequent visits. The entire sign-up process, and delivery of available funding sources, can be a bit tedious: about five to twenty minutes, depending on the connection speed. Approximately 500 new scholarships are added to the database daily, so registrants can stay current. Provided courtesy of Financial Aid Information Page and Student Services, Inc. created by Mark Kantrowitz and sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. (Last checked 09/21/14)

**Books**

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How To Pay For Your Degree in Nursing

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Money for Graduate Students in the Health Sciences

Lists fellowships, grants, and awards open to students interested in working on a master's, professional, or doctoral degree in: Dentistry, Genetics, Medicine, Nursing, Nutrition, Pharmacology, other related health fields. Targets programs that offer at least $1,000 per year to each recipient (and many go way beyond that, awarding full tuition or $30,000+ to graduate students annually), knowing that not one dollar of that will need to be repaid (provided, of course, that stated requirements are met)! (Last checked 09/21/2014)

RSP Funding for Nursing Students and Nurses

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Annual Register of Grant Support

Includes information on programs sponsored by government agencies, public and private foundations, educational and professional associations, special interest organizations and corporations. Covers a broad range of interests including academic and scientific research, publication support, equipment and construction support, in-service training, competitions and prizes, and travel and exchange programs. Organized by broad subject areas with four indexes: subject, organization and program, geographic and personnel. (Last checked 09/21/2014)
**Directory of Research Grants**  
An annual print version of the Grants Database. Contains information about grants and fellowships available for research projects from federal and state governments, private foundations, professional organizations, and corporations. List grants programs by specific funding areas; indexed by sponsoring organization and grant name.  
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**Foundation Grants to Individuals (Online)**  
The most comprehensive listing available of private foundations, which provide financial assistance to individuals. The foundations described have made grants to students, artists, scholars, foreign individuals, minorities, musicians, scientists and writers for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, internships, residencies, arts and cultural projects, medical and emergency assistance, residencies and travel programs.  
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**The Grants Register**  
The complete guide to postgraduate funding worldwide.  
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