

## **Utah School Nurse Association Scholarship**

### ***Purpose***

Intended to improve school nursing by assisting current school nurses employed in schools to advance their education and by recognizing continuing education as a priority among school nurses.

### ***History***

In 2010 the IOM (Institute of Medicine) released the future of nursing report. This report recommended supporting the advancement of nurses, with the goal that 80% of nurses have a baccalaureate degree by 2020. Allowing a USNA scholarship, to pursue an advanced degree will support the advancement of school nursing practice.

### ***Scholarship***

- Scholarships (up to \$1,500) will be awarded based on available funds as determined annually by the scholarship committee to assist with expenses.
- The scholarship must be used in the calendar year that it is awarded.
- Recipient's name will be announced at the USNA spring conference.

### ***Applicant Requirements***

- Current and active membership status in USNA for at least the past two years.
- Currently licensed to practice as a nurse in the state of Utah.
- Currently employed as a school nurse.

### ***Applicant Responsibilities***

- Demonstrate a serious intent to advance school nursing practice. You will convey this by completing and submitting your scholarship application.
- Award must be returned upon failure to attend coursework planned.
- Must be submitted by March 31st

### ***Judging***

- Scholarships will be rated on the following criteria:
  - GPA - 10 points
  - Years of work - 5 points
  - Letters of Recommendation - 20 points
  - Professional Involvement - 10 points
  - Professional Development - 10 points
  - Essay - 45 points
  - Total = 100 points
- The USNA Education Scholarship Committee will determine the recipient of this scholarship based on the scholarship applications received and reviewed by the committee.
- Scholarships will be presented only to candidate(s) who meet the established criteria; if there are no qualified applicants, no award will be made.
- The decision of the committee will be final and not open to appeal.

**Utah School Nurse Association Scholarship Award Application**

Instructions:

1. Review all information prior to submission.
2. Complete this form.
3. Attach supporting documents.
4. Applications must be submitted electronically to [raeanna.kirk@jordandistrict.org](mailto:raeanna.kirk@jordandistrict.org)
5. The submission deadline is March 31st. After emailing your application to RaeAnna, it is recommended to then send a separate email to follow-up that your application was received.

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**Applicant name and credentials**

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**Employer's Name and Address**

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**Employer's Phone #**

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**Cumulative GPA from college**

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**Number of years worked as a nurse**

**What does your professional involvement entail?** (Member of NASN, USNA, UNA, etc.)

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**What professional development opportunities have you participated in?**

(Conferences, Webinars, Extra Committee Assignments)

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**Letters of Recommendation:** Include 2 letters of Recommendation (1 professional and 1 personal)

**Essay:** Write a 1 page double spaced essay detailing why pursuing an advanced degree will benefit you and your school nursing practice. Detail the impact on the community an advanced degree can provide along with your current and future educational goals as it pertains to advancing your education.