



CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS from \$500 to \$1,000 ARE AVAILABLE for LEVELS 1, 2 and 3 and for Transition Students.

Pin Awards (up to \$100 toward the purchase of a graduation pin) are also available to Level 3 applicants.

These competitive scholarships are based on academic and clinical achievement, school or community involvement, and faculty recommendations. We are looking for outstanding student nurses.

To be eligible, you must be currently enrolled at Charity School of Nursing and have a minimum 2.7 cumulative average in nursing classes.*

**This is NOT the same thing as your Delgado GPA. Even if you're not sure what your cumulative average in nursing classes is, please apply. It may be higher than you think!*

TO APPLY: *Please read carefully!*

1. Instructor Recommendations:

Level 1 students need a recommendation from ONE clinical instructor.

Level 2 and above need recommendations from TWO instructors; at least one must be a clinical instructor.

It is YOUR responsibility to request letters of recommendation from your instructors prior to the application deadline. Write your name on the attached **Instructor Recommendation Sheets** and give one to each instructor. This helps remind them to write a letter for you. *(The instructors will submit their recommendations directly to the Alumni office.)*

2. Complete the attached **Application Form** including the additional information sheet you must write.

3. Turn in your **Application Form** with your information sheet to the Alumni office **no later than 5pm on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017**. You may turn in your application to the Alumni Office in Room 613F of the School of Nursing, or to the Alumni Mailbox, also on the 6th floor, or email to chsnaaoffice@gmail.com. In fairness to all applicants, applications received after 5pm, even by email, will not be accepted.

4. Sign up for a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Interview Days will be Monday, Dec. 11 and Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017, in Room 650.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the door of the Alumni Office (Room 613-F in the main office).

You must sign up for a slot no later than **Dec. 7**. Interviews last approximately 20 minutes.

If you need to re-schedule, you can email chsnaaoffice@gmail.com.

If you are unable to be at the school on Interview Days, we can do a telephone interview. We strongly recommend an in-person interview if at all possible. If you need to interview by phone, do NOT sign up for an interview time - just indicate on your application that you want a telephone interview, and be sure to give us a phone number where you can be reached. Phone interviews may occur on the interview days, in the evenings, or on a later date if necessary.

5. Scholarships will be awarded at the Charity School of Nursing Promotion and Awards Ceremony at the beginning of the Spring 2018 semester.

Questions? Email us at: chsnaaoffice@gmail.com

Application Deadline: Thursday, Dec. 7 at 5pm

CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY!!!!

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Please give us the phone number and email address that is the BEST way to reach you if we need to:

Cell/Phone: _____ Email: _____

Circle your current Level (your level in November 2017): 1st 2nd 3rd Transition

I want to interview: Please check ONE of the boxes below.

At the School of Nursing

*Be sure to sign up for an interview time.
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By PHONE

*We will try to reach you between appointments on the
interview days. Email us if you need to make an
arrangement for another time: chsnaaoffice @gmail.com*

Please tell us which instructor(s) you are asking to write recommendations (at least one clinical instructor):

1. _____ 2. _____

(Level 1 needs only one faculty recommendation.)

By signing below, you give permission to Delgado Community College to release your Cumulative Average in Nursing Classes to the Charity School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship Committee for the purpose of your application for an Alumni Scholarship.

Your Signature _____ LOLA #: _____

Now, please use a separate sheet of paper to tell us about yourself.

We want to know who you are! Please include *any* information that you think would be helpful to the committee in deciding whether to give you a scholarship. The questions below are only meant to help you get started. You do not need to answer them specifically.

Think about: *Are you involved in any school activities or organizations? Have you held any offices, been involved in special projects or activities on campus? Are you involved in community activities, particularly any related to healthcare? Any military service? Have you been cited by the Honors Committee of the Faculty Association? Have you received any honors or citations at school or in the community?*

Think about: *Why would receiving a scholarship be important to you? Everyone could use an extra \$500, and the award decisions are NOT based on financial need. Is there an educational or profession-building opportunity a scholarship would allow you?*

Think about: *Is there any information that you would like us to know? Are there any special challenges you face as a nursing student? This is your opportunity to tell us who you are and why we should want to give you a scholarship.*

Please type this information sheet, and include your name on all pages.

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**CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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Instructor Recommendation Sheet

Name of student requesting recommendation: _____

Please submit recommendations by Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, if possible.

Dear Faculty Member,

The Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association (CHSNAA) offers scholarships each semester to students at Charity School of Nursing. Students applying for the scholarships are required to ask instructors to submit recommendations.

We know it's not fun to have to do this, but please recognize that this is not a formality for us. Your input and opinion are very important. Your letters are reviewed carefully and weigh heavily in our decision-making. In fact, your recommendations are probably the single most important part of the student's application.

That being said, you do NOT need to write a long, formal letter in business format. Skip the boilerplate. When it's "cut & paste," we can't help but interpret that as a tepid endorsement. What we want is a personalized and honest response: Do you consider this individual to be an outstanding student nurse, or are they basically average? Will you be proud to see this student graduate and join the nursing profession? Please tell us why. Short and meaningful is so much better than a lengthy recitation of things like "this student is punctual."

These awards are based on merit, so please do not base your recommendation primarily on financial need. We are looking for leadership, involvement, enthusiasm, clinical excellence, teamwork, dealing with personal or professional challenges. We are looking for the student who stands out.

Please specify whether the student was in your clinical group, or that you know them in another context (lecture class, extra-curricular activities, etc.).

If you have reservations about recommending this student, please tell us that as well. The instructor recommendations are completely confidential and are never shared with students or anyone other than the members of the CHSNAA Scholarship Committee.

So write us a simple note - you can email it to us at chsnaaoffice@gmail.com. Or you can place it in a sealed envelope and drop it in the Alumni Association mailbox on the 6th floor, or at the Alumni Office in Room 613-F in the main administrative office.

Please turn in your recommendations by **Friday, Dec. 8, 2017**, if possible. If you need more time, just let us know.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please email the Alumni office at chsnaaoffice@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Ursula Allain '65 Joycelyn Jeansonne '78

CHSNAA Scholarship Committee

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