

**KING COUNTY NURSES ASSOCIATION
2021 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET & APPLICATION**

PURPOSE

1. Provide financial assistance to qualified students who have a permanent address in King County or are currently enrolled in a nursing program in King County and are preparing for a career as a registered nurse, or to RNs returning for an advanced degree in nursing or a related field.
2. Encourage and provide for increasing diversity within the nursing profession that reflects the population as a whole.
3. Support nurses to be change agents in creating a healthier community in King County.

TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Eighteen scholarships of \$3,000 each will be awarded in the spring of 2021 for use in the summer 2021 through spring 2022 school terms. Applicants must be accepted into or currently enrolled in a nursing program within the timeframe of summer 2021 through spring 2022. If you have applied to a nursing program but have not been accepted yet, you are ineligible and should wait until the following year to apply for the scholarship. Applicants can only receive an award once from KCNA. If you previously received an award, you are not eligible to apply.

Basic Program: General scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled in associate or baccalaureate degree programs preparing for a career as a registered nurse.

Graduate Entry Program: Scholarships will be awarded to students currently enrolled in a graduate entry program in nursing. The student may be in the pre-licensure or the advanced degree portion of the program.

RN Baccalaureate (RNB) Program: Scholarships will be awarded to a registered nurse in a program leading to a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Advance Degree Program: Valerie Weiss, ARNP, MN, MA, Memorial Scholarship Award is for a current RN working toward an advanced degree in nursing or a related field. The award is given as a lasting legacy to an outstanding nurse whose professional commitment was an inspiration to her colleagues and patients alike.

KCNA reserves the right to distribute the scholarships among these categories depending on applications received.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Scholarships:

- Be currently enrolled in nursing program as described in the categories above.
- Maintain a minimum "B" average (3.0 grade point average).
- Maintain a permanent address in King County **or** be enrolled in a nursing program located in King County. Note: KCNA members are automatically eligible.

Valerie Weiss Memorial Scholarship: Meet the above criteria and demonstrate an exemplary commitment to the nursing profession through extracurricular professional activities.

AWARD CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of:

- Commitment to social justice
- Commitment to King County community
- Community/School Involvement

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Application materials must be postmarked by **Monday, March 1, 2021** to: King County Nurses Association, 4649 Sunnyside Avenue N. #352, Seattle, WA 98103. We will not accept hand-delivered applications due to building restrictions during the pandemic. Please be sure your application is post marked by the deadline. Do not use certified mail or other services requiring a signature as staff may be working off-site and unable to sign. We will email applicants confirming receipt.
- B. Scholarship application materials **must** include the following:
 - 1. Completed KCNA Scholarship Application (3 pages).
 - 2. Current college transcripts that **include** nursing courses **and** any prerequisites (an unofficial copy of the transcript is acceptable).
 - 3. Two signed letters of recommendation—one from an instructor (of nursing, if applicable) and one from a non-relative, such as a volunteer or work supervisor. If a nursing program director or dean is used as a reference, that person must provide a letter of recommendation in addition to completing application page 2, “Statement of Eligibility.” We do not use a form for the references, they must submit letters.
 - 4. Current resume or curriculum vitae
- C. General: Please have pages single-sided and do not use staples.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The KCNA Scholarship Committee will select scholarship recipients. Information shared with the committee will be held in strict confidence. KCNA may wish to publish information about recipients with applicants’ permission.
- B. This scholarship is a one-time award. New recipients will be selected yearly.
- C. Scholarship recipients will be notified by e-mail and will be honored at the annual KCNA Gala in 2021.
- D. Awards will be paid by KCNA directly to the school of nursing attended by the recipient for application to his/her account.

KING COUNTY NURSES ASSOCIATION

King County Nurses Association is a professional organization of registered nurses, promoting healthy communities since 1903 through education, advocacy, and outreach.

Questions?? Call us at 206/545-0603, or email kcnurses@kcnurses.org.

2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

KING COUNTY NURSES ASSOCIATION

4649 Sunnyside Avenue N. #352
Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 545-0603

Applicant's Name _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Permanent Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

SCHOLARSHIP DESIGNATION

I would like to apply for the following scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year
(see descriptions on the Information Sheet):

Basic RN Program Graduate Entry RNB Program
 Advanced Degree (Valerie Weiss Memorial): Check one: Master's DNP PhD

Are you a KCNA member? Yes No

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Colleges Attended (list most recent first):

Name	City	Dates Attended	Major

Cumulative Current College GPA (4.00 scale): _____. Enclose current college transcripts that **include** nursing courses and prerequisites.

How did you hear about our Scholarship Program?

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STATEMENT OF APPLICANT:

I certify that all information on this application and all enclosures are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentations may result in the awarded scholarship being rescinded.

If I am awarded a scholarship, it is my intention to complete the educational program outlined and to serve as a member of the nursing profession.

I authorize KCNA to contact the Dean or Director or references for additional information as needed.

I also agree that this application and all credentials submitted by me and others on my behalf are true to the best of my knowledge, and that these will remain the property of the King County Nurses Association.

I agree that KCNA can publish information contained in my application in scholarship publications including info sheets, *Advocate* newsletter, social media and website. You will be given the opportunity to review information prior to publication.

Print Name

Signature and Date

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant: *Please have the Dean or School Representative complete this section for the 2020-21 Academic Year:*

I certify that _____ is currently enrolled in or has been accepted to _____ School of Nursing.

This is a (please check one):

- Basic Program (the School is approved by the Nursing Commission)
- Graduate Entry Program (the School is approved by the Nursing Commission)
- RNB Program
- Master's Program
- Doctoral Program

Date of Entrance: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

In my opinion, _____ is a worthy applicant and I recommend that they be considered for a King County Nurses Association Scholarship.

Their current grade point average is _____ on a _____ point system at the end of the _____ quarter or _____ semester.

Comments:

Signature of Dean or School Representative

Date

Print Name

Phone

Address

City

State

Zip

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Please note which questions you are required to complete (see checklist below):

To respond to the following questions, please type answers on a separate page (maximum one page per question). Address each question in its entirety, giving the scholarship committee a complete picture of your abilities and commitment to nursing.

1. Why have you chosen your current educational/academic path in nursing?
2. What are the issues that you are especially passionate about and how will you address them in your career as a nurse?
3. Some of the most persistent health concerns remain disparities in health outcomes. Discuss your beliefs regarding equity and social justice and how you plan to address health outcome disparities in your career as a nurse.
4. Tell us about how your background and life story will contribute to diversity in the nursing profession.

Valerie Weiss applicants will also answer the following question: Valerie Weiss was a school nurse who was very involved in professional nursing organizations and activities including serving on the KCNA Board, Program and Scholarship Committees. She felt strongly that nurses should be actively involved in the nursing community in order to advance the profession.

5. How have you demonstrated a commitment to the nursing profession through extracurricular activities?

Application Checklist- All items must be postmarked by March 1, 2021:

Basic, Graduate Entry & RNB Applicants:

- Completed Application with Dean Signature
- Current College Transcript (unofficial is ok)
- Two Signed Letters of Recommendation
- Completed Questions 1, 2, 3, 4
- Attach a Resume or Curriculum Vitae

Advance Degree (Valerie Weiss Scholarship):

- Completed Application with Dean Signature
- Current College Transcript (unofficial is ok)
- Two Signed Letters of Recommendation
- Completed Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Attach Resume or Curriculum Vitae

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