

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
SCHOOL OF NURSING
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
for MSN students

The Financial Aid program is intended to assist students in paying for the costs of college. Financial aid consists of scholarships, loans, grants, scholarship-loans, and part-time employment, or a combination of the above. Students should begin the process of applying for financial aid at the Financial Aid Office, where the necessary financial aid forms may be obtained and completed.

Scholarships: There are two kinds of scholarships offered through UNCG: general scholarships available through the University as a whole, and departmental scholarships available through the School of Nursing. Both types of scholarships are outlined in *The UNCG Financial Aid Directory*, published by the Financial Aid Office. Contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information on University scholarships. School of Nursing scholarships are awarded through the department and require an application. Most of the School of Nursing scholarships are for students in the undergraduate program, but some money is available for MSN students. Applications become available through the School of Nursing early in the spring semester; the deadline to return completed applications is **March 1** each year. Most are awarded primarily on the basis of grade point average (GPA), but some are need-based. Students with a GPA >3.0 should apply. Look for signs to be posted on the bulletin boards in the School of Nursing announcing the availability of School of Nursing scholarship applications.

Other resources that may be available:

1. **Hospital-based scholarship loans.** Students are awarded a scholarship-loan, which may be repeated as long as the GPA meets minimum criteria, in return for promising to work at the hospital after graduation. The application process, deadline, amount of award, minimum GPA, etc. are determined by each hospital. Contact Triad area hospitals or hospitals in your hometown. Many hospitals do not award students working on advanced nursing degrees, but prefer to focus on initial nursing preparation; however, there is nothing to lose by asking.
2. **The Nurse Scholars Program for MSN students.** Administered through the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NC SEAA). Applications are available on-line in mid-January. After graduation, recipients must either work or teach in a nurse education program in the state of NC for a period of time, or pay back the loan with interest. Contact the School of Nursing or the NC SEAA - Masters NSP, PO Box 14223, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-4223; (919) 549-8614 or 1-866-866-2362. www.cfnc.org
3. **The North Carolina League for Nursing Academic Scholarship Program.** Scholarships available for graduate study in nursing. Requires application, verification of enrollment, transcripts, etc. Contact: NC League for Nursing Academic Scholarship Fund, Foundation for the Carolinas, PO Box 34769, Charlotte, NC 28234-4769; (704) 973-4535. Deadline is March 1. www.uncg.edu/nur/ncln/
4. **The Great 100 Scholarship Program.** Established by the Great 100, Inc. in 1989 for NC residents to obtain or further their education in nursing. Scholarships are available for all levels of study. Contact: Great 100 Scholarship Program, NC Foundation for Nursing, PO Box 4875, Greensboro, NC 27404-4875. www.great100.org
5. Many **community organizations** provide scholarships or loans with low interest to qualifying individuals, members, or children of members. You must contact these groups and ask individually. Examples include your church, civic groups, social and fraternal organizations, hospitals and medical auxiliaries, and some large corporations. Contact your local public library and Chamber of Commerce for suggestions and information.
6. Several kinds of **student loans** are available. Start with the Financial Aid Office. Contact College Foundation Inc. 1-866-866-CFNC www.cfnc.org
7. **Professional nursing associations** may have funds. For example, AACN (American Association of Critical Care Nurses) awards scholarships to member RNs who are working on a BSN or MSN. Contact each organization individually to learn about requirements. The address for AACN is 101 Columbia, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656-4109; 1-800-899-2226. www.aacn.org
8. MSN students may apply for **Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship** funds. The actual amount of the award varies each year, as do the criteria. Pick up applications outside room 113 during the first three weeks of the fall semester each year.
9. MSN students may consider **assistantships**, which have concomitant teaching or research responsibilities. Information is available in room 213. This is not an appropriate choice for anesthesia students because of the time commitments required for the assistantships.
10. The **Gwendolyn J. Andrews Nursing Scholarship Program** provides scholarships to employees of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center who are pursuing a career in nursing. Scholarships are available for both undergraduate and graduate study. Contact Education and Support Services, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1180; (336) 716-3434. Deadline: March 1.

11. The **Eunice M. Smith Scholarships** are awarded by the North Carolina Foundation for Nursing, 103 Enterprise St., Raleigh, NC 27607-7325; (800) 729-1975. Applicants must be part-time graduate nursing students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. www.ncnurses.org/ncfn.html

12. The **Winston-Salem Foundation** administers two health education loan funds for NC residents: the Virginia Elizabeth and Alma Vane Taylor Fund, and the Oliver Joel and Ellen Pell Denny Fund. Loans are awarded to undergraduates with financial need; some money may be available for graduate students. Contact the Winston-Salem Foundation, 310 West Fourth St., Suite 229, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2889; (336) 725-2382 or toll free at 866-227-1209. www.wsfoundation.org

13. The **North Carolina Nurses Association** awards the Loretta Ford Scholarship to encourage registered nurses to pursue graduate level education to enter advanced practice as a nurse practitioner. Priority given to NC residents. Contact: Loretta Ford Scholarship, NC Foundation for Nursing, P.O. Box 12025, 103 Enterprise St., Raleigh, NC 27607-7325; (800) 626-2153. www.ncnurses.org

15. The **American Cancer Society** has a scholarship program for MSN students who show evidence of interest or commitment to oncology nursing and plan to pursue a career in oncology nursing. Contact: American Cancer Society, North Carolina Division, Inc., 500 E. Morehead St., Suite 211, Charlotte, NC 28202. Deadline: December 15.

16. **The Eight and Forty Lung and Respiratory Disease Nursing Scholarship Fund**, administered by the American Legion, provides scholarships up to \$2500 for one year. The scholarship was established to assist RNs to secure advanced preparation for positions in supervision, administration, or teaching; their after-school employment must have a direct relationship to lung and respiratory disease. Contact: American Legion Education Program, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Deadline: May 15 and awards announced July 1. www.legion.org

17. **Nurses' Educational Funds, Inc.**, awards scholarships to baccalaureate-prepared RNs pursuing a graduate degree who are members of a national professional nursing association. Contact: NEF, 304 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010; (212) 590-2443. Application may be downloaded from website at www.n-e-f.org

18. **Business and Professional Women's Foundation** awards the Career Advancement Scholarship, Clairol Loving Care Scholarship, and New York Life Foundation Scholarships for Women in the Health Professions. Eligibility: Need financial assistance, woman, 25 years of age, US citizen, graduating within 24 months. Contact: BPW at 2012 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 293-1200 ext. 169.

19. Anesthesia students may wish to contact **hospitals or anesthesiology groups** in communities where they would be willing to work following completion of the anesthesia program. There may be funds available if the nurse anesthetist is willing to make a commitment to work in the community after graduation.

20. Students in the ANP/GNP Program may be eligible for financial assistance from the AARP Scholars Program. Graduate scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$10,000 for full-year and \$5,000 for half-year. In addition to submitting an application, the student must be nominated by faculty. Contact AARP Scholars Program, c/o Scholarship Program Administrators, Inc., PO Box 23737, Nashville, TN 37202-3737; (615) 320-3149 or (800) 310-4053; fax (615) 523-7100, attn: George Shaver; e-mail: gshaver@spaprogram.com. Deadline is March 15.

21. **AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing)**. Established in April 2003, this scholarship program supports students who are seeking a baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degree in nursing. Application can be downloaded from website; applications must be submitted by email. Website: http://aacn.campusrn.com/scholarships/scholarship_rn.asp

This summary is not exhaustive. Students should work closely with the Financial Aid Office. Additional information on available funds may also be obtained through your local library.

For more information on financial aid, contact:

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