

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please review prior to applying.

Scholarship funds, of up to \$8,000, are awarded to assist in the completion of graduate education, which could include tuition, support for dissertation or thesis, or travel for attendance at an onsite internship or classes.

Here you will find answers to common questions on application proposal body, budget, references, scholarship priorities, format for submission, eligibility, and membership status. If you do not see the answer to your question below, please contact foundation@nlm.org.

Proposal Body

What is intended to be in the five-page body section? Is the committee looking for a personal statement regarding nursing education in the body?

- The application is purposely designed to allow you to present qualifications and need for support in a format that best represents why you need a scholarship.

Does the page limit for the proposal include the appendices or references?

- No. References are part of the appendices and neither is included in the five-page limit for the proposal body.

Is this a research grant application/proposal? The directions for the proposal do not specify if the proposal should address my planned dissertation work or if the proposal should be more like a scholarship application.

- This is a scholarship application. Please present your qualifications and need for support in a format that best represents why you should be a scholarship recipient.

If the funds requested are for completion of a research study, should a short abstract be included?

- Yes. However, the priority is to identify how the scholarship will support your goal of a position as full-time faculty.

Budget

Are there specific requirements or a form to create the budget?

- No. There is no specific form for budget details.

Should the requested funding be specific to the costs of my proposed dissertation research or the cost of my schooling?

- Scholarship funds are awarded to assist in the completion of graduate education, which could include tuition, support for dissertation or thesis, or travel for

attendance at an onsite internship or classes. The request cannot exceed \$8,000.

References

Is there a form for faculty references?

- There is no specific form for letters of recommendation. Note that references are part of the appendices and are not included in the five-page limit for the proposal body.

Do my letters of recommendation need to be from faculty at my current program of study?

- Letters may come from any faculty familiar with your work and academic program.

Do my letters of recommendation need to be included in the single file you ask for? Can they be sent directly to you?

- For eligibility, please include all application documents, including letters of recommendation, in one PDF file. Any item sent separately will not be considered with your application.

Scholarship Priorities

What are the NLN Foundation scholarships priorities to which you refer and how should I address them in the proposal?

- The goal of the scholarship is to assist experienced and ethnically diverse nurses to complete advanced degrees in order to secure or enhance careers as nurse educators in nursing programs. Diversity is defined in the broadest sense.

Format for Submission

What is a PDF file?

- Portable Document Format (PDF) is a file format commonly used for sharing documents. A PDF file will appear electronically as the document would if it were printed. Many programs have functions that allow you to save or convert your document as a PDF file.

Eligibility

Can I apply if I already hold a faculty position (part- or full-time)?

- Yes. These scholarships are awarded to nurses pursuing advanced degrees in preparation for or to advance their career as an academic/clinical nurse educator.

Can I apply if I am a part-time student?

- Yes, if you are pursuing an advanced degree to secure a position as an academic/clinical nurse educator.

I have not yet started my coursework, but will begin soon. Can I apply?

- No. Please look for opportunities after you have begun your studies. The funds are for master's or doctoral students **currently enrolled in accredited programs**. Applicants need to have completed at least 1 full year of their academic program by the time of the application deadline.

I have finished my coursework and am working to complete my dissertation. Can I apply?

- Yes, you may if you are still pursuing an advanced degree in preparation for a career as a full-time academic nurse educator.

What type of nurse educators may apply?

- Academic and clinical nurse educators who are pursuing advanced degrees in preparation for teaching positions within nursing programs.

Does my school need to have NLN accreditation for me to qualify?

- Your school may be accredited by any nationally recognized accrediting body.

Does this funding apply to NLN members who are not residents of the United States?

- The goal of the scholarship is to increase the number of faculty in the **US** to increase access for nursing students.

Does my area of research limit my eligibility?

- No.

Do you offer funding for post-graduate nurse educators?

- We do not offer funding for tuition reimbursement post-graduation. If you would like to apply for a research grant, please refer to the NLN website: <http://www.nln.org/researchgrants/grants.htm>. These scholarships are awarded to nurses currently pursuing advanced degrees.

Membership Status

If the school where I study is a member school, do I qualify?

- No. Only nurse educators employed at a member school receive member benefits.

If the school where I work is a member school, do I qualify?

- Yes. Please make sure your school has kept an updated faculty roster via the NLN website.

I am adjunct faculty at an NLN member school. Do I qualify as a member?

- Adjunct faculty members at a member school receive full individual member benefits at no cost to them. As long as the school keeps an updated faculty roster via the NLN website, the faculty members are issued individual ID numbers, etc.

How do I become a member?

- You may become an individual member on the NLN website, here: <http://www.nln.org/membership/categories-and-benefits>.