

The Foundation  
of the  
National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.  
in memory of Frances Tompkins  
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PRESS RELEASE

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**HELENE FULD HEALTH TRUST, HSBC BANK  
USA, TRUSTEE, AWARDS \$500,000 GRANT TO  
NSNA FOUNDATION**

**Brooklyn, NY. July 20, 2005.** The Foundation of the NSNA (FNSNA) is pleased to announce that it has received a \$500,000 grant from The Helene Fuld Health Trust, HSBC Bank USA Trustee, which will go toward a permanent endowment fund to provide financial aid for students enrolled in baccalaureate nursing programs. **The Fund, named the “Helene Fuld Health Trust Scholarship Fund for Baccalaureate Nursing Students,” is the largest grant ever awarded to the FNSNA.**

The Helene Fuld Health Trust is the nation's largest private funder devoted exclusively to nursing students and nursing education, with over \$130 million in assets and an annual grant budget of nearly \$6 million.

In 1935, Dr. Leonhard Felix Fuld, a New York City physician, editor, and civil servant, and his sister, created a Foundation in honor of their mother, Helene, a health care crusader in the 1880's. Helene sparked Dr. Fuld's interest in public health, and in 1961, he redefined the purpose of the Foundation to: “the improvement of the health and welfare of student nurses.” In 1965, the Foundation was converted to the Helene Fuld Health Trust, and in 1969, HSBC Bank USA (formerly Marine Midland Bank) became its corporate trustee, and is responsible for overseeing and administering the Fuld Trust today.

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The FNSNA Scholarship Program awards thousands of dollars annually to deserving undergraduate nursing students who are recognized each spring at the NSNA Convention Annual Awards Ceremony.

The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association, in Memory of Frances Tompkins, NSNA's first executive director (1952-1970) was established in 1974 as a 501 ( C ) ( 3 ) charitable foundation. Through its annual scholarship award program, FNSNA has provided over two million dollars in scholarships to undergraduate nursing students.

NSNA is a membership organization representing approximately 45,000 students in Associate Degree, Diploma, Baccalaureate, generic Masters and generic Doctoral programs preparing students for Registered Nurse licensure, as well as RNs in BSN completion programs.

For more information about the Helene Fuld Health Trust, visit [www.fuldtrust.org](http://www.fuldtrust.org).

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