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## Foundation Updates

### Fundraising Fun at MidYear

On Friday, November 14, at NSNA's 26th Annual MidYear Conference, the FNSNA has a wonderful event planned to raise funds for the undergraduate scholarship program. Nursing students are talented! So show off your talent by entering the "Tube in to NSNA" video contest. The top five entries will be shown at the fundraiser and attendees can choose the grand prize winner! Deadline for video entries is October 17, 2008.

But if you can't make it to the MidYear Conference, you still have the opportunity to get involved and raise funds for the undergraduate scholarship program. The FNSNA is sponsoring the "Wall of Fame" challenge. This nationwide challenge among school chapters will help raise funds for the undergraduate scholarship program. Schools will be asked to make a donation to the FNSNA. The schools with the highest donations will be placed on a "wall of fame" to be debuted at the MidYear Conference fundraiser. The school with the highest contribution will be recognized at the Annual Convention in Nashville, TN.

For more information on scholarships, "Tube in to NSNA", the "Wall of Fame Challenge" or how you can support the undergraduate scholarship program, please contact the FNSNA at (718) 210-0705 or at [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org) or visit the NSNA website at [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org), click on Meetings.

### Disaster Relief Available for Flooded Areas

If you have been affected by the spring and summer 2008 floods in the Midwest, and you or your school have lost equipment because of the damage, consider applying for funds from the FNSNA Disaster Relief Fund. Donations to the FNSNA Disaster Relief Fund grant are given to schools impacted by devastation for distribution to students and/or for use to restore libraries and clinical nursing labs.

Go to [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org) and click on Foundation and then Disaster Relief Fund.

### Apply for an FNSNA Scholarship

The 2009-10 FNSNA scholarship application is now available on [www.nsna.org](http://www.nsna.org) (click on Foundation) or you can email the Foundation at [nsna@nsna.org](mailto:nsna@nsna.org), Attn: Scholarship Information. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and funds may be used for tuition, books, and academic fees. Scholarship recipients and sponsors will be recognized during NSNA's 57th Convention at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, in Nashville, TN. **Deadline: Must be received by Friday, January 16, 2009.**

### Eligibility Requirements

FNSNA scholarship eligibility criteria include:

- Current enrollment and matriculation in a state-approved nursing program leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate, diploma, generic doctorate or generic master's degree; or enrolled in an RN to BSN completion, RN to MSN completion, or LPN/LVN to RN program. *Matriculation means the student has applied to a state approved nursing school and has been admitted into the nursing program.*
- Pre-nursing students taking courses to prepare for matriculation into a nursing program;
- Attending classes and taking no less than six (6) credits per semester.
- Involvement in student nursing organizations and community health activities;
- Document academic achievement;
- Establish financial need;
- High school students are not eligible to apply;
- U.S. Citizen or Alien with U.S. Permanent Resident Status/Alien Registration Number;
- Students graduating prior to December 2009 are ineligible to apply.

### *In Memory of Frances Tompkins*

The Foundation was created in honor of Frances Tompkins, NSNA's first Executive Director.

## Scholarships Awarded by FNSNA

### General Scholarship Program

Approximately \$125,000 is awarded annually to nursing and pre-nursing students who meet the eligibility requirements. Membership in the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) is not required; however some scholarship sponsors require NSNA membership for eligibility.

### Career Mobility Scholarships

Career Mobility Scholarships are awarded to nursing or pre-nursing students who are registered nurses (RNs) enrolled in RN to BSN and RN to MSN completion programs; or licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/LVN) enrolled in programs leading to RN licensure.

### Breakthrough to Nursing Scholarships

Breakthrough to Nursing Scholarships are awarded to individuals who are of

racial and ethnic minorities under-represented in the nursing profession. Awards are given to students committed to providing quality health care services to underserved populations and who possess the necessary leadership skills to influence the delivery of quality care.

### Specialty Nursing Scholarships

Awarded to students interested in pursuing specialized areas of nursing practice. Refer to the Eligibility Checklist at the end of the application for list of specialties.

### McKesson Scholarships

Open to all students enrolled in accredited programs leading to RN licensure.

### Promise of Nursing Scholarships

Promise of Nursing scholarship funds are raised at regional gala events sponsored by Johnson &

Johnson. Contributions come from hospitals and healthcare agencies, Johnson & Johnson, and national and regional companies with an interest in supporting nursing education. Scholarships are awarded to qualified applicants attending nursing programs in selected regions throughout the country. (Check the website for the eligible regions).

### Selection and Notification

Selection of scholarship recipients is based on academic achievement, financial need, and involvement in student nursing organizations and community health activities. All factors are carefully considered. A selection committee of faculty and students from various nursing programs is appointed to select recipients. Additional criteria may be required by sponsors. Winners are notified in March. ©

## Grapevine City Auction



FNSNA's fundraisers at the Annual Convention in Grapevine, TX, were a huge success. The auction raised over \$5,500 for the Mary Ann Tufts Scholarship Fund and the House of Delegates raised over \$12,000 for the undergraduate scholarship program.