



Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing Nursing Diversity Scholarship Application

Firelands Health values, appreciates and respects the diversity of our associates, patients, and the communities that we serve. In an effort to increase the diversity of registered nurses in the community, the Board of Directors has created a Nursing Diversity Scholarship Program for Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing (FRMCSN) students. This scholarship promotes diversity in the school environment, provides equal opportunity to seek education in the nursing field and opens opportunities for employment at Firelands Health upon successful completion of the program.

Scholarship recipients will be selected annually in August. Individual(s) selected for this scholarship will be awarded the following funds for each academic year of successful progression within the nursing curriculum, for a total of up to two years:

- Renewable scholarship up to \$2,000 per semester while enrolled in nursing courses
- Additional assistance may be considered based on financial need and available funds
- If employment is obtained at Firelands Health during enrollment in the program, an option to transition from the scholarship program to the tuition assistance program with enhanced funding may be available. To qualify for tuition assistance, retention criteria must be met.

Eligibility Requirements:

- U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent resident
- Identify as the male gender and/or within an American ethnic minority: Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino American, Alaskan Native, American Indian, Asian, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander or two or more races.
- Residence in Erie, Huron, Ottawa or Sandusky county is preferred.
- Demonstrate financial need by completing the FAFSA.
- Must have initiated the application process for the school of nursing program. The scholarship applicant must also meet FRMCSN admission requirements as determined by the Admissions Committee and actively enroll in school of nursing coursework to be considered for final review.

The Nursing Diversity Scholarship application includes five parts. Incomplete applications or applications missing the required documentation will not be eligible for consideration. Please call 419-557-7121 if you need assistance in completing any portion of your application.

PART I: Demographics

- Provide all demographic information requested below. Be sure to print legibly. If the applicant is younger than 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must ALSO provide their contact information.

<u>Applicant Information</u>	
Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
County:	
Preferred Phone Number:	Alternate Phone Number:
Email Address:	
Race/Ethnicity:	Date of Birth:
_____ Black/African American	_____ Hispanic/Latino American
_____ Alaskan Native	_____ American Indian
_____ Native Hawaiian	_____ Pacific Islander
_____ Asian	_____ Two or More Races
Male Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<u>Parent or Legal Guardian Information</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is 18 years of age or older (Skip the parent/guardian information and move to PART II)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is younger than 18 years old (Parent/guardian information must be provided)	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Preferred Phone Number:	Alternate Phone Number:
Email Address:	

<u>Supplemental Financial Assistance Request</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I have additional financial barriers that are preventing me from pursuing my desired career path in nursing. In addition to the FAFSA application process, I need additional financial assistance to help me successfully complete the program.

PART II: FAFSA Application

- Submit the FAFSA application at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
Use the Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing code: 003114

PART III: Essay

- Type and attach an essay response that addresses the applicant's perspective related to the three questions below. The essay response must be 500-1,000 words in length.
 1. Why do you want to pursue a career in nursing?
 2. What does this scholarship opportunity mean to you?
 3. How do you plan to use your nursing education to support Erie County and surrounding counties post-graduation?

PART IV: Interview

- Scholarship finalists may be selected to participate in an interview prior to selection of the recipients. Interviews will be scheduled following submission of the application and an initial review by the scholarship committee.

PART V: Signature(s)

- All applicants must sign and date the form in the box below. If the applicant is younger than 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must ALSO sign the scholarship application.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the terms of this scholarship, and the information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicants Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

Submission Deadline:

- This application and all required components must be received by **July 1st** to be eligible for consideration of the Nursing Diversity Scholarship being offered in August. The application and all required documentation can be submitted one of two ways:
 - Scanned and email to Barbara Reitz, Financial Coordinator at: reitzba@firelands.com
 - Mail or hand deliver directly to the school of nursing at the following address:
Firelands Regional Medical Center
School of Nursing
1912 Hayes Avenue
Sandusky, OH 44870
Attn: Barbara Reitz

Please direct all questions to Barbara Reitz, Financial Coordinator at reitzba@firelands.com or 419-557-7121.