

<p style="text-align: center;">Description of Fund OREGON NURSES FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS: 2009 - 2010</p>

The Centennial Scholarship Fund was created by the Oregon Nurses Foundation (ONF) in 2003. During 2003 and 2004, ONF members were successful in raising these monies because they were specifically designated to address the current and impending nursing shortage in Oregon. Specifically, these funds were intended to support individuals in nursing programs by providing support for tuition costs in the **early phases of their nursing program, e.g. taking nursing courses.**

Eligibility for the funds:

- 1) Applicant must be accepted into an accredited nursing program in Oregon. Applicant must be taking courses offered in the nursing curriculum (not prerequisite courses).
- 2) Applicant must provide a Letter of Acceptance into the nursing program.
- 3) A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) in nursing of 3.0 or greater—In addition, applicant must provide a signed GPA form from the Registrar, and an OFFICIAL transcript of all college coursework.
- 4) The critical elements of the application review are:
 - a) Leadership abilities and experiences (35%)
 - b) Experiences with other cultures, minority groups, and underserved populations (30%)
 - c) Career plans in nursing (30%)
 - d) Reason(s) for needing Centennial Scholarship funds (5%)
- 5) Consideration of geographical location in the state of Oregon will be made when choosing recipients.
- 6) Submit the completed application, using instructions listed under each section.

Amount of the award:

Each award will be for \$1,000 and will be made available in the term/semester following the application due date. The scholarship will be sent directly to the school in which the student is enrolled and **applied towards tuition costs.**

Recognition:

ONA will publicly recognize Centennial scholarship recipients on a yearly basis. The recipient must contact ONA and let them know that they have received the scholarship (if awarded.)

Deadlines for Application:

September 30, 2009 December 31, 2009 March 31, 2010 June 30, 2010

Where to send the application:

The completed application should be sent via mail to
Oregon Nurses Foundation
18765 SW Boones Ferry Rd., Ste. 200
Tualatin, OR 97062

The application must be postmarked on the deadline date as listed above. If you have ANY questions, please contact 503-293-0011.