Program Description

The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship is designed to encourage enrollment in nursing programs by Kansans committed to practicing as a LPN or RN in Kansas. Recipients sign an agreement/promissory note to practice nursing at a specific facility one year for each year of scholarship support. The sponsor provides partial scholarship funding and employment upon licensure of the recipient and the State of Kansas funds the balance. All applicant must complete the FAFSA.

Application Criteria

1. Acceptance to a Kansas nursing program (pre-nursing will not be funded);
2. Commitment by an eligible sponsor* licensed by the state to fund up to half of the scholarship and provide full-time employment to the recipient after licensure;
3. Complete/submit the FAFSA and the State of Kansas Student Aid Application; and
4. Student must be enrolled in 12 credit hours or more.

Financial need is considered if there are more applicants than available funding.

The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship accepts applicants with degrees, but who have not received Registered Nurse licensure.

*An eligible sponsor is any adult care home, psychiatric hospital, medical care facility, home health agency, local health department or any state agency, which employs LPNs or RNs, licensed by the State of Kansas qualifies as a sponsor.

Recipient Obligation

Scholarship recipients work for the sponsor, who provided a portion of the funds, one year for each year of scholarship support.

If a recipient is unable to fulfill the service obligation to the state they will be subject to repaying the state portion of the scholarship they received plus accrued interest at a rate which is equivalent to the interest rate applicable to loans made under the federal PLUS program at the time the agreement was first entered into plus five percentage points (currently that interest rate is 11.41%).

Renewals are students who received this scholarship the prior year; the student must complete/submit the FAFSA, the State of Kansas Student Aid Application, and a copy of a signed sponsor agreement each school year to receive funding.

Recipients who are enrolled in:

- a Licensed Practical Nurse program are eligible for $2,500 each school year or
- a Registered Nurse program are eligible for $3,500 each school year.

Sponsors pay from $1,000 to one-half of the scholarship and the State of Kansas pays the remaining amount. Each scholarship amount is divided — one half awarded in the fall semester (LPN $1,250; RN $1,750) and the second half awarded in the spring semester.

Priority Deadline to Apply: May 1

Checklist for the Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship NEW or RE-NEWAL applicants:

- Complete/submit the FAFSA, priority deadline April 1.
- State of Kansas Student Aid Application completed and submitted either online at www.kansasregents.org or the paper version and the $12.00 non-refundable application fee submitted. (Priority deadline May 1)
- Signed Sponsor Agreement. (Priority deadline May 1)
- New recipients must sign an agreement/promissory note.
The Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship is designed to encourage enrollment in nursing programs by Kansans committed to practicing as a LPN or RN in Kansas.