



KANSAS NURSING SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

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 with the State of Kansas 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, unless the sponsor is a mental health treatment facility as they do not provide a share of the scholarship assistance.

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

Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship NEW or RENEWAL application instructions:

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 (unless they are a mental health treatment facility) and provide full-time employment to the recipient after licensure;
 3. Complete/submit the FAFSA, priority deadline April 1;
 4. State of Kansas Student Aid Application completed and submitted either online at www.kansasregents.org –STUDENTS – Student Financial Aid or submit the paper version to the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson St, Ste 520, Topeka, KS 66612.
 5. Student must be enrolled in 12 credit hours or more.
- ◆ **New recipients must sign an agreement/promissory note.**
 - ◆ **All recipients must sign a sponsor agreement.**

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

*An eligible sponsor is any adult care home, psychiatric hospital, mental health or treatment facility, 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. Preference in awarding is given to a mental health or treatment facility. Mental health treatment facilities do not share the cost of the scholarship assistance.

Renewal applicants are students who received this scholarship the prior year.

Kansas Nursing Service Scholarship recipients who are enrolled in:

- a Licensed Practical Nurse program are eligible for \$3,500 each school year or
- a Registered Nurse program are eligible for \$4,500 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 \$1,750; RN \$2,250) and the second half awarded in the spring semester.

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 12%).