

West Tennessee Nurse Practitioner Alliance 2017 Educational Scholarship Program

EXTENDED DEADLINE – October 31, 2017

General Information:

The West Tennessee Nurse Practitioner Alliance (WTNPA) Scholarship Program offers two (2), \$500.00 educational scholarships for eligible Registered Nurses who are pursuing graduate nurse practitioner education (Master's or Doctoral). These scholarships are funded through WTNPA dues and fund raising activities. Scholarships are one-time, non-repayable and without restrictions as to the specific use of funds.

Scholarship applicants must meet eligibility requirements, complete all the application processes and **postmark the application to the scholarship program to the specified address, by ~~September 30, 2017~~ October 31, 2017**. Partial or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications will be reviewed by the WTNPA Scholarship Committee. Approval or granting scholarships shall rest solely with the WTNPA Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be notified by ~~October 31, 2017~~ November 30, 2017, and scholarship program checks will be issued to successful applicants by ~~November 15, 2017~~ December 15, 2017.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicant must have active (unrestricted) Registered Nurse license in state of Tennessee.
2. Applicant must be a resident of or employed in the West Tennessee counties of Lake, Obion, Weakley, Henry, Benton, Humphreys, Carroll, Dyer, Lauderdale, Tipton, Gibson, Crocket, Haywood, Madison, Henderson, Decatur, Chester, Hardeman, McNairy or Hardin.
3. Applicant must be enrolled in a graduate nursing (Master's or Doctoral Nurse Practitioner) program of study at an accredited institution of higher education. Applicant must be in good standing academically.
4. Applicant must be a current member of the Tennessee Nurses Association (TNA) and the West Tennessee Nurse Practitioner Alliance.

Each applicant who meets the criteria listed above should mail the following information:

1. First, middle and last name
2. Complete home mailing address with home and mobile telephone numbers
3. Complete work mailing address and telephone number (if applicable)
4. Permanent email address
5. Name and address of academic institution currently attending - including program of study and degree objective, expected date of graduation, and copy of most recent transcript (*may be unofficial copy*)
6. TNA member ID number and TN RN license number
7. Two (2) letters of professional reference including one from current nursing program faculty
8. Submit an essay (300-500 words) to include:
 - a. Career and professional goals
 - b. Value of education completion to the citizens of West Tennessee
9. Scan and submit documents as **.pdf files**
10. E-mail the application documents by the **September 30, 2017, deadline** to:

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