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Assisting Students in the FNP Scholarship Application Process: Preparing a Strong Scholarship Application



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Why These Scholarships Matter

INVESTING IN TODAY'S NURSE PRACTITIONERS
FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW



Financial support helps remove barriers and makes it easier for students to continue advancing their education in advanced practice nursing.



Recognition enhances your professional visibility and strengthens your connection to the Florida Nurse Practitioner community.



Each award honors a leader whose legacy represents a core value of advanced practice nursing: innovation, advocacy, volunteerism, leadership, or service.

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STRENGTHENING
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Scholarship Overview at a Glance

INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Scholarship	Award	Best Fit Applicant
 Dr. Loretta C. Ford APRN Student Scholarship	\$1,500	Students who are committed to leadership, innovation, primary care, public health, and improving care for vulnerable populations.
 Dr. Jean Aertker APRN Advocacy Scholarship	\$1,500	Students who demonstrate advocacy leadership, policy engagement, mentorship, and commitment to advancing the APRN role in Florida.
 Dr. Karin Klause Volunteerism & Leadership Scholarship	\$1,500	Students with strong community service, leadership, volunteerism, and dedication to underserved communities.

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Understanding the Legacy Behind Each Award

INSPIRING TODAY'S STUDENTS. HONORING TOMORROW'S IMPACT.



Dr. Loretta C. Ford

Co-founder of the nurse practitioner role and a transformational nursing innovator whose work expanded access to care.



Dr. Jean Aertker

Florida NP leader and advocate recognized for advancing policy, professional engagement, and APRN practice authority.



Dr. Karin Klause

Remembered for volunteerism, leadership, service to underserved communities, and dedication to strengthening the NP profession.

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Know Your Eligibility and the Deadlines

PREPARE TODAY. INVEST IN TOMORROW.



Eligibility Verification

We will verify your status as a Florida nursing student or practicing nurse, as well as your eligibility related to APRN degree progression or doctoral/post-master's certificate pursuit (e.g., FNP-PMHNP pathways).



Important Details

Please confirm the current application deadline, the required submission method, and any expectations related to conference recognition.



Required Materials

Review all required materials carefully. Your application may need to include transcripts, proof of enrollment, a résumé or CV, references, essay responses, and documentation of service or advocacy activities.

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Choose the Best-Fit Scholarship for You

ALIGN YOUR PASSION. AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT.



Dr. Loretta C. Ford Scholarship

Select the Dr. Ford scholarship if your story centers on **innovation, primary care, public health, vulnerable populations**, or future NP leadership.

INNOVATE | EXPAND ACCESS
IMPROVE LIVES



Dr. Jean Aertker Scholarship

Select the Dr. Aertker scholarship if your story centers on **advocacy, policy influence, professional engagement, mentorship**, or APRN role expansion.

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STRENGTHEN THE PROFESSION



Dr. Karin Klaus Scholarship

Select the Dr. Klaus scholarship if your story centers on **volunteering, community service, leadership**, and service to underserved communities.

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Gather Strong Evidence

SHOWCASE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. TELL YOUR STORY. MAKE AN IMPACT.



Academic Evidence

- **GPA**
- Program **standing**
- **Degree plan**
- **Academic honors** and recognitions
- **Faculty support**

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE
FOR WHAT'S NEXT



Professional Evidence

- **Clinical** experience
- **Certifications**
- **Leadership** roles
- **Organizational** involvement and contributions
- **Practice goals**

DEMONSTRATING
EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE



Impact Evidence

- **Volunteer** hours
- **Advocacy** activities
- **Community** projects
- **Patient populations** served
- **Policy** participation, mentorship, or
- **Measurable** outcomes

CREATING HEALTHIER
COMMUNITIES



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Build a Compelling Application Narrative

TELL YOUR STORY. SHOW YOUR IMPACT. INSPIRE WHAT'S NEXT.

1



Use a Clear Structure

Include your background, defining experience, demonstrated impact, future goals, and alignment with the scholarship legacy.

2



Show Impact with Examples

Use specific, meaningful examples rather than general statements.

3



Connect Your Purpose to a Bigger Mission

Tie your personal goals to the broader mission of advanced practice nursing in Florida.

4



End with a Forward-Looking Vision

Share how the scholarship will support your future service, leadership, and patient care.

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Essay Prompts and Response Strategies

TELL YOUR STORY. HIGHLIGHT YOUR IMPACT. MAKE IT COUNT.



Leadership

Describe a time you guided others, improved a process, or contributed to a professional goal.



Tip: Use specific examples and highlight your role and outcomes.



Advocacy

Explain how you have supported APRN practice, patient access, policy awareness, or professional engagement.



Tip: Share your actions, the challenge, and the positive change or impact that resulted.



Volunteerism

Highlight consistent service, underserved populations reached, and lessons learned from community involvement.



Tip: Include details about your role, the population served, and what you learned.



Innovation

Share how you identified a problem and contributed to a practical solution in education, practice, public health, or patient care.



Tip: Describe the need, your innovative approach, and the measurable results or impact.

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Application Mistakes to Avoid

SUBMIT YOUR BEST WORK — MAKE YOUR IMPACT CLEAR.

1



Generic Essay

Submitting a generic essay that does not match the selected scholarship's purpose.

2



No Impact

Listing accomplishments without explaining impact.

3



Missing Materials

Missing required documents or waiting until the deadline week to request references.

4



Vague Claims

Using vague claims such as "I am passionate about nursing" without examples.

5



Details Matter

Failing to proofread grammar, formatting, word count, and professionalism.



Be intentional. Be specific. Be you.

A STRONG APPLICATION SHOWCASES YOUR POTENTIAL
AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU WILL MAKE.

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Recommended Application Timeline

STAY ORGANIZED. STAY ON TRACK. SUBMIT WITH CONFIDENCE.



4–6 Weeks

BEFORE DEADLINE

Review eligibility, choose scholarship **focus**, and list required documents.



3–4 Weeks

BEFORE DEADLINE

Request **recommendation letters** and gather transcripts or enrollment verification.



2–3 Weeks

BEFORE DEADLINE

Draft essay **responses** and résumé/CV updates.



1 Week

BEFORE DEADLINE

Proofread, confirm all attachments, and **ask a mentor** to review the full application.



48 Hours

BEFORE DEADLINE

Submit early and save confirmation.



Preparation today. Greater opportunities tomorrow.

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Closing and Call to Action

TURN YOUR EXPERIENCE INTO OPPORTUNITY.



**The scholarship process
is a professional
storytelling opportunity.**

Share your unique experiences, impact, and vision for the future of advanced practice nursing in Florida.



**Align with the
scholarship's legacy.**

Remember to align your application with the scholarship's namesake legacy. You may need to look at what the NP focus was for the namesake and write your application accordingly.



**Begin with one
action today.**

- ✓ Identify the best-fit scholarship
- ✓ Request a reference
- ✓ Outline your essay



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As you write your essay, consider the quote from Dr. Loretta Ford:

“Your profession is nursing, your role is nurse practitioner. I have always held Nightingale up as one who **didn’t accept the status quo**, one who was willing to risk her life and reputation in the interest of patients.”

– Dr. Loretta C. Ford



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