

**Northeastern KNA Chapter
Graduate Nursing Excellence Scholarship
Application Form**



Name _____

Address _____

Mobile/Cellular Phone # _____ **Office or Other #** _____

Email Address _____

Nursing Program Information

School Name: _____

Nursing Program Chair/Coordinator: _____

School Address _____

School Telephone # _____

Type of Nursing Program () ADN-BSN () Master's () Doctorate () PhD

Are you receiving any other Scholarships? ____ Yes (\$ _____) / ____ No

What will the scholarship be used for? _____

Number of KNA or Chapter Meetings/Events attended (past year): _____

Date of Enrollment in the Nursing Program: _____

Expected Date of Completion: _____ **GPA** _____

KNA Member Y_ N_ **Date Joined:** _____

Certification and Release of Information

I affirm that the information provided is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize school officials to release the requested academic information to the Kentucky Nurses Foundation for the purpose of determining scholarship eligibility.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____



Graduate Nursing Excellence Scholarship

Application Criteria and Instructions:

To be eligible for the \$500 Graduate Nursing Excellence Scholarship through the Kentucky Nurses Association: Northeastern Chapter, an applicant must be enrolled in an accredited graduate nursing licensure program (BSN, DNP, FNP, MSN, or PhD) and have **successfully completed one (1) semester of nursing course work**. **Recipient may only receive once.** Recipient will be selected by the Northeastern Chapter KNA Scholarship Committee or Chapter Officers to maintain transparency and equity.

Scholarship Application Process and Timeline

- 1. Application:** Complete and email the Application with all documents to the NortheasternKNA1@gmail.com before **August 16, 2025**, by midnight.
- 2. Summary:** Write and submit a minimum 500-word up to a maximum of one-page summary describing why you are applying, what receiving the Northeastern KNA Nursing Excellence Scholarship would mean to you, examples of how your values align with the KNA. Include examples of service, advocacy, and leadership.
- 3. References:** Submit two (2) Letters of support completed by members of the nursing program or nursing faculty (dated within the last six months).
- 4. Transcript:** An unofficial transcript showing successful completion of one semester of nursing coursework and supporting GPA listed on scholarship application.
- 5. Engagement:** A signed/dated agreement statement that scholarship applicant commits to engage in the KNA honors cord program, attend a minimum of two (2) chapter meetings during the next 12 months (year) from the date the award is given, and choose one (1) Professionalism option (article submission to Kentucky Nurse) or Chapter Meeting Presentation (5-10 minutes).

The 2025 Northeastern KNA Nursing Excellence Scholarship Award will be announced by August 31, 2025. If there is a tie based on the Scoring Criteria, the Northeast KNA Scholarship Committee or Northeast Chapter Leaders will vote and a winner selected by majority vote. If there are no undergraduate applications, a 2nd Graduate Scholarship recipient may be selected.



Professional Engagement Agreement

If selected as a Northeastern Chapter Graduate Nursing Excellence Scholarship Winner 2025, I agree to:

- 1. Serve a minimum of 10 hours (i.e. Meeting attendance, recruitment events, or other KNA events) over the next 12 months total. Cannot combine meeting attendance for #1 & #2.**
- 2. Attend a minimum of two (2) chapter meetings over the next 12 months from the scholarship award date. Attendance will be verified on Northeastern Chapter meeting minutes.**
- 3. I agree to one of the following Professional Engagement Opportunities to be completed within 12 months of receiving the Scholarship. (Select One)**

____ Submission of an article for publication in the *Kentucky Nurse*. This article should be a 200 – 400-word essay on why you chose nursing as your career choice or your opinion about some aspect of nursing practice or health care. Applicant is expected to work with a Northeastern KNA Chapter Leader or delegate to ensure that the article is print ready upon submission and a copy will be submitted to the Northeast KNA leadership within one year from the date of the scholarship receipt.

OR

____ Preparation of an evidence-based practice poster or presentation (PowerPoint) at a KNA Chapter meeting, Kentucky Nurses Association Conference, or other organized KNA meeting within one year from the date of the scholarship receipt. The presentation must be at least 10-15 minutes in duration.

OR

____ Participate in at least 2 community events representing KNA. Events must be requested and approved by the Northeastern Chapter Chair at least 2 weeks prior to the event via email (l.wallace@moreheadstate.edu)

If selected for the scholarship, I understand this is a signed agreement between myself and the Northeastern KNA Chapter. I understand that I have 12 months (1 year) to complete all the Engagement Agreement elements. I also agree that if I fail to meet one (1) of the Engagement Agreement elements, I am expected to pay the full \$500 Scholarship back to the KNA in full by 12 months after receipt of the Scholarship Award if selected.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Northeastern KNA Scholarship Application Scoring Criteria:

Criteria	1	2	4	5
Application Form	Incomplete; submitted late; Messy or illegible.			Complete; no items missing; submitted by deadline. Legible.
Summary	Poor grammar, or sentence structure, or did not address application summary expectations.	250-500 words; did not include all criteria for summary.	Exceeded one page; or messy or illegible; or lacks some examples of service, advocacy, and leadership.	Clearly addressed applicant reasons for application. Well written summary with no errors. Provided examples of service, advocacy, and leadership. Demonstrated chapter meeting attendance and KNA support.
References	No letters submitted;	1 letter submitted or 2 letters submitted without dates or further than 6 months.	2 letters submitted; dated within the last 6 months; minimal support of applicant;	2 letters submitted; dated within the last 6 months; strongly supportive of applicant;
Transcript	No transcript provided.			Unofficial or official transcript provided; Applicant has completed a minimum of one full nursing course in the program.
Engagement	Messy, submitted late, missing parts of the application or documents.	All documents submitted or only 1 part missing; submitted by deadline. No spelling errors and good grammar and punctuation.	All documents submitted and by the deadline. <5 spelling errors, punctuation errors or grammatical errors. Included minimal or just 1 example of advocacy or leadership.	All documents submitted. Submitted by deadline. Sentence structure well written, no misspelled words, correct punctuation, and provided examples of advocacy and leadership.
			Total Score (Max. 25)	