

2026 NHNA Scholarship Application Form
Send to: nhna.ned@gmail.com
Due by October 12, 2026

Criteria

One of the goals for the Commission on Nursing Practice is to “encourage and promote nursing advancement by supporting life-long learning.” We are excited to be able to offer NHNA members scholarships toward furthering their education. We have three scholarship opportunities for **members** who are enrolled in the following program types:

1. BSN (including RN-BSN) \$1500
2. MSN \$1500
3. Doctorate \$1500

Qualified applicants must complete the application form. Forms submitted by unqualified applicants will be discarded. To qualify, you must:

- Be an active NHNA Member in good standing
- Be enrolled in a nursing program or relative doctoral program
- Complete the application, including a short essay
- State **Scholarship Application Form** in the subject line

Application

1. Name
2. NHNA member (Select One)
___ 1 Year ___ 2-4 Years ___ 5-7 Years ___ 8+ Years
3. Which scholarship are you applying for? (Select one)
___ BSN ___ MSN ___ Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DNP)
4. Indicate college or university in which you are enrolled _____
5. Indicate NHNA activities participated in over past 2 years (or if significant prior to 2019).
6. Compose a short essay between 200-250 words to respond to the following:
 - a. How do SDOH affect the patients you care for in your nursing practice?
 - b. Explain how the principles of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) are integrated into your nursing practice.
 - c. How do you tailor your care to address the SDOH of your patients? (Provide a brief example from your practice).

Rubric

Criteria				Value
Membership	6+ years (10 points)	3-5 years (8 points)	1-2 years (6 points)	10%
Essay				90%

SDOH Affect	Provides an introduction of care setting and patient impact from SDOH. Significant, succinct information that provides clear context of the practice environment (25 points)	Discusses affects of SDOH but the context is not clearly explained. (18 points)	Discusses the effect of SDOH but lacks significant details about patient population and setting. (12 points)	25%
Integration of SDOH	Explained at least two SDOH principles that are integrated in practice (30 points)	Explained one SDOH principle that is integrated in practice (20 points)	Discussed SDOH in practice but did not explain integration of principles in practice (10 points)	30%
Tailor care	Explained a specific, brief example from nursing practice (30 points)	Provided an application of SDOH in but did not provide a specific example from personal nursing practice (20 points)	Did not explain how care is tailored to address SDOH in patients (10 points)	30%
Articulation	Essay with 200-250 words Writing clearly expresses ideas and insight. There are no errors in punctuation, grammar, or spelling (5 points)	Essay has more than 250 words Writing conveys ideas There are no more than 3 errors in punctuation, grammar, or spelling (3 points)	Essay has less than 200 words Ideas lack clarity or are incomplete. There are 4 or more errors in punctuation, grammar, or spelling (1 Point)	5%
Total				