



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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SOUTH DAKOTA NURSE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The South Dakota Board of Nursing offers the Nurse Education Assistance Scholarship to RN and LPN nursing students. Funding for this scholarship is generated through a \$10 fee charged to each nurse upon renewal of a South Dakota RN or LPN license. The number and amount of each scholarship is determined annually by the South Dakota Board of Nursing, not to exceed \$1000 per academic year per student.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant must be a United States citizen and a South Dakota resident for a minimum of one year immediately preceding the date of the application. Out-of-state students attending nursing programs in South Dakota are not automatically South Dakota residents. A copy of a South Dakota driver's license issued one year before the application due date may be requested to verify residency.
- Programs Leading to **Initial Licensure**: The applicant must be accepted into a board approved nursing education program located in South Dakota that leads to initial licensure as a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse.
- Programs Leading to **Registered Nurse Degree Enhancement** (e.g., AD RN to BSN, LPN to BSN, or graduate degree): The applicant accepted into a board approved nursing education program leading to a registered nurse degree enhancement may attend an out-of-state program.
- The applicant must have or maintain a satisfactory GPA for progression in the nursing program.
- The applicant must demonstrate financial need.

Instructions:

- **LPN Applicants:**
 - The applicant should legibly complete the top section of the application.
 - The applicant should forward the application to the nursing program to complete the second section.
 - The nursing program should forward the application to the financial aid office to completion the third section.
 - The financial aid office should submit the application directly to the South Dakota Board of Nursing.
 - LPN applications are due by October 1 of the year in which the application is to be considered.
 - Applications will be accepted between **August 1 and October 1**. All applications submitted out of this timeframe will be returned to the applicant.
 - LPN scholarships are awarded at the beginning of the Spring semester.
- **RN Applicants (Initial Licensure or Registered Nurse Degree Enhancement):**
 - The applicant should legibly complete the top section of the application.
 - The applicant should forward the application to the nursing program to complete the second section.
 - The nursing program should forward the application to the financial aid office to complete the third section.
 - The financial aid office should submit the application directly to the South Dakota Board of Nursing.
 - RN applications are due by June 1 of the year in which the application is to be considered. Applications will be accepted between **April 1 and June 1**. All applications submitted out of this timeframe will be returned to the applicant.
 - RN scholarships are awarded at the beginning of the Fall semester.
- Completed applications can be mailed or faxed to the South Dakota Board of Nursing using the information at the top of the page or e-mailed to Glenna.Burg@state.sd.us.

Use of Scholarship Funds:

- Scholarships are disbursed directly to the institution the applicant attends.
- Scholarships may only be used for tuition, fees, books, or other direct education expenses. Room and board are not considered direct educational expenses.

Notification of Award:

- The applicant will be notified by letter of the South Dakota Board of Nursing's decision 7-10 days after their first meeting following the application due date.

