

BIRMINGHAM BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC SCHOLARSHIPS

BBNA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is provided by BBNA for unlicensed nursing students pursuing an associate or baccalaureate degree in nursing. This scholarship is \$1,000.

Brenda's Brown Bosom Buddies Scholarship Assistance Award

This scholarship is provided by Brenda's Brown Bosom Buddies (BBBB), a 501(c)(3), organization that supports women/men of color who are either breast cancer survivors or have been directly affected by the disease. The organization also educates, and facilitates activities and programs to empower its target audience. Ms. Brenda J. Phillips Hong is the founding executive director of BBBB. The scholarship is for an undergraduate or graduate nursing student pursuing a degree who demonstrates an interest in breast cancer education. The scholarship recipient must participate in a minimum of one breast cancer awareness community forum sponsored by Brenda's Brown Bosom Buddies. The scholarship is \$500.00.



BIRMINGHAM BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. BOX 13856
Birmingham, AL 35202
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April 19, 2016

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Inc. (BBNA), as a chapter of the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), is committed to excellence in education. BBNA offers continuing education programs for nurses, nursing students, and allied health professionals. BBNA's members are providing community-based health and education activities to underserved members in our communities.

Annually, BBNA awards scholarships to students in the nursing field. BBNA is now accepting applications for these scholarships. **The deadline is September 19, 2016** for receipt of the completed application packet. You must **mail or email** the completed application packet so it is **postmarked or received prior to or no later than September 19, 2016**. In order to receive the scholarship, you must attend the sponsor appreciation/scholarship affair. This date is to be announced.

We also invite you to become a member of this great professional organization. Alabama has three chapters of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc. They are located in Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile. We would like you to become a part of this great professional organization. The members of BBNA look forward to your active involvement and ideas to enhance our organization.

The scholarship is applied to the student's account at the nursing school; these funds can be used to assist with tuition and/or books. Please carefully review the Scholarship Requirements. Submit **all** required documents with your application packet.

Mail completed application packet to:
Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Inc.
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 13856
Birmingham, AL 35202

Emailed applications must be submitted with the completed form and all attachments: signed copy of application, essay & additional evidences (documentation) to: info@birminghambna.org. Official transcripts & letters of recommendation should be mailed together to the above address. The Scholarship Committee will not review late or incomplete packets. For membership information, visit the website at www.birminghambna.org. If needed, this site also has the scholarship requirements, application form, and essay guidelines.

Thank you,

Theresa Flint Rodgers, DNP, CRNP
Chairperson, Scholarship Committee

**Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Inc.
Application for Nursing Scholarship**

(Type or print in black ink)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Daytime Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Current Address _____

City State Zip Code

List active membership in healthcare professional organization(s)

Have you ever held a nursing license? Yes _____ No _____

Name of current nursing school _____

Address City State Zip Code

Dean/Director's name _____

Nursing School's Phone Number _(____)_____

GPA _____ Expected Graduation Date ____/____/____

Expected Degree: Circle One: AD BSN MSN DNP PHD EdD

Advisor _____ Phone Number (____)_____

I hereby affirm that all the information provided is true. I am aware that any false statement will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application packets are not reviewed if postmarked/email after September 19, 2016

Scholarship Requirements

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Current enrollment in a licensed registered nursing program that is approved and or provisionally approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing,
2. Good scholastic standing at the time of application,
3. Successful completion of the first clinical nursing course,
4. At least two full semesters remaining of nursing school; this can include current semester.

The **application packet** must contain **all** the following requirements:

1. Official transcript(s) from all colleges, universities, and schools attended. An **official transcript** is one that has the school's embossed seal and is in its unopened school's official envelope.
2. An essay that adheres to the Essay Guidelines
3. At least two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter should come from a current nursing faculty that is written on the school's letterhead stationery. A member of a professional organization may also provide a letter of recommendation.
4. Provide additional documentation to support qualification for scholarship. The applicant will need to include descriptions of professional activities, extracurricular activities and community involvement. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

participation in a student nurses association, extra-curricular activities of the school, in civic organizations, such as Girl/Boy Scouts or Habitat for Humanity, community service projects, such as American Red Cross or health screenings and / or involvement in the African-American community. Supporting documents may include letters from an official of an organization, newspaper clippings, awards, certificates, or plaques.

Please note: Failure to submit all required information will automatically disqualify the applicant.

Essay Guidelines

The essay must contain the following information, to meet criteria to be considered for the scholarship:

- presentation of how you will use your degree to improve the health status and/ or social conditions of African Americans,
- statement summarizing your career goals after you obtain your degree,
- descriptions of your involvement in extracurricular and community activities --

These include, but are not limited to, the following examples: participation in a student nurses association/professional organizations; other extra-curricular activities of the school; involvement in the African-American community (must provide documentation such as copies of letters, newspaper clippings, awards, certificates, etc., that support this involvement); other evidence such as a certificate, plaque, letter from official of an organization, ex., Girl/Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, in which you participated in the community or in community service activities.

- typed or word-processed, 12 font; style: any standard, non-Italic, ex., Arial, Times New Roman,
- doubled spaced with one-inch margins,
- length: minimum 2 pages, maximum 3 pages,
- correct grammatical construction, and correct spelling.

Mail or email completed application packet so that it is postmarked or received no later than September 19, 2016.

Incomplete or late applications will be not considered.