BIRMINGHAM BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.

SCHOLARSHIPS
(The number of available awards is determined by the Scholarship Committee)

BBNA Presidents’ Leadership Scholarship
The scholarship is provided by the current and past presidents of BBNA to support a graduate student in the development of leadership skills in nursing. The scholarship is $1,000.

BBNA Lifetime Members’ Community Service Scholarship
The scholarship is provided by the members of BBNA to support a pre-licensure student or a nurse pursuing an associate or baccalaureate degree in nursing. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of evidence of ongoing and sustained community service activities. The scholarship is $1,000.

BBNA Chapter 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 award 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 award is for an undergraduate or graduate nursing student pursuing a degree who demonstrates an interest in breast cancer education. The award recipient must participate in a minimum of one breast cancer awareness community forum sponsored by Brenda’s Brown Bosom Buddies. The award is $500.
May 1, 2020

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 provide 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. You must mail or email the completed application packet, so it is postmarked or received prior to or no later than August 30, 2020. If you are selected as a scholarship or award recipient, you are expected to attend the scholarship and award presentation event. Awards will be presented at BBNA’s Legends in White Gala on October 24, 2020. All monies are applied to the student’s account at the nursing school; these funds can be used to assist with tuition and/or books.

We also invite you to become a member of this great professional organization. Alabama has five NBNA chapters. The chapters are in Birmingham, Huntsville, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Tuskegee. For membership information, visit the website at www.birminghambna.org. The members of BBNA look forward to your active involvement and ideas to enhance our organization.

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 includes the scholarship requirements, application form, and essay guidelines.

Thank you,

Theresa Flint Rodgers
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:  ADN  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 August 30, 2020.
Scholarships and Awards 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. A copy of your resume.

3. An essay that adheres to the essay guidelines.

4. 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.

5. 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 August 30, 2020

Incomplete or late applications will be not considered.