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Graduate Funding Information Session

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Graduate Funding - Research Center

Overview: The Emma Eccles Jones Nursing Research Center was established in 2002 with a gift from the Emma Eccles Jones Foundation, allowing a dedicated space in the college focused on research. The center was created to “enhance the ability of the college to supply nursing faculty, nurse educators and advanced practice nurses to meet the growing demand in Utah.” Located on the fifth floor of the college, the Research Center is faculty-focused and provides support in the form of staff and facilities.

Faculty awarded grants often require staffing in addition to what the research center offers. Some research grants are pursued specifically to train future nurse scientists in the form of fellowships and traineeships. Here are a few of the research opportunities available to you as a graduate student that may assist with funding your education.

<http://nursing.utah.edu/research/emma-eccles-jones-research/>

1. Research Assistant Employment

The Research Center has a number of Graduate Research Assistant opportunities that fluctuate throughout the year depending on which grants are awarded and when funding begins. These opportunities give you experience in research, are paid, and allow you access to the Tuition Benefit Program. You can submit an RA Interest Form (<http://nursing.utah.edu/students-services/scholarships/graduate/ta-ra.php>) to the college to be considered for available positions during the current academic year. You can also visit the University’s employment page to search for postings.

2. Traineeships

Many research faculty are interested in training the nurse scientists of tomorrow and have been awarded funds to train graduate, doctoral, and post-doc students. NIH, NINR, HRSA, etc. are important traineeship funders and there are opportunities to be part of these programs. You will be exposed to research-focused seminars and create your own research plan. A traineeship typically funds a stipend, tuition, research supplies, insurance, etc., and you can also access the tuition benefit program as a graduate student. These opportunities also fluctuate and depend on grant funding and sponsor guidelines. You can visit the Research Center’s website for information on potential opportunities. Or, reach out to your advisor to see what might be available.

3. Research Faculty

The tenured and tenure track faculty are the primary grant recipients in the college. Investigate the research interests of these faculty. If your interests align then consider reaching out to them for opportunities.

4. Research Administration Training Series (RATS

<https://education.research.utah.edu/>)

Perhaps you have been working with research faculty and have decided to pursue your own ideas. The University of Utah has a number of services to help you find funding opportunities and submit successful proposals. The Research Administration Training Series (RATS) has a number of grant-writing and funding opportunity classes that can teach you how to approach writing your own grant and finding funding. You can access the Foundation Directory and SciVal Funding through the Marriot Library

<https://databases.tools.lib.utah.edu/index.php?alpha=f>). These are powerful tools and RATS classes are taught on how to best use them. The Research Center can assist with submitting your grant should you need institutional signatures for the proposal. If funded, we can help oversee the funds and make sure you maximize the award while enrolled.



Graduate Student Funding Opportunities

Note- this is **not an exhaustive list of graduate student funding opportunities. If the graduate scholarship coordinator becomes aware of opportunities, students will be notified electronically or via the College of Nursing website. Graduate students interested in seeking any funding opportunities are strongly encouraged to also file the following two documents each year, also required by many loans, scholarships and fellowships:

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General Resources

- Tuition Webpage: <http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/>
- Graduate Student Funding Application (College of Nursing): <http://nursing.utah.edu/students/scholarship/graduate/>
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.fafsa.gov

University of Utah Graduate School Scholarships

The University of Utah Graduate School lists various University-sponsored fellowships and scholarships on their website, as well as a direct link to the University Financial Aid Office. Check often for updates; applications for most awards are generally due early spring semester. <http://gradschool.utah.edu/tbp/graduate-fellowship-opportunities/>

The **Graduate Research Fellowship** offers \$18,000 plus tuition to full-time graduate students who are conducting research or creative projects and are pursuing a terminal degree. Applicants must be doctoral candidates prior to the beginning of the academic year of the award – non-renewable. Applicants are selected and submitted by the CoN using an internal review process. 12-15 awards given annually – applications due in January each year.

College of Nursing Donor-Named Fellows Program

The College of Nursing awards donor-named fellowships for graduate students on an annual basis – awards are disbursed for the fall/spring semesters only. Fellows may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program. Applications are due in February 2019.

College of Nursing Graduate Student Scholarships

The College of Nursing awards various scholarships for graduate students on an annual basis – awards are disbursed for the fall/spring semesters only. Award recipients may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program. Applications are due in February 2019.

Teaching Assistant Opportunities

The College of Nursing offers Teaching Assistant (TA) positions; the number of available positions varies each year. Average appointment lasts 1-2 semesters. Students may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program. Graduate students interested in applying for a TA position should check the College of Nursing website for application deadlines – typically available each spring semester.

Research Assistant Opportunities

College of Nursing grant-funded faculty occasionally offer Research Assistant (RA) positions; the number of available positions varies depending on current grant funding and faculty needs. Students interested in seeking a RA position should talk with CoN faculty and/or contact Diane Ballard at diane.ballard@nurs.utah.edu to determine current availability. Students may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program.

Graduate Tuition Benefit Program

Students receiving a graduate fellowship or scholarship and/or serving as a Research Assistant (RA), Teaching Assistant (TA), or Graduate Assistant (GA) may also qualify for the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program (TBP). This generous program available through the University of Utah Graduate School qualifies students for in-state tuition rates and offers a 50%, 75%, or 100% in-state tuition reduction (excluding the College of Nursing differential fee or any other special course fees). RA/TAs may also qualify for subsidized health insurance. Eligible students must adhere to registration, financial support and service guidelines. A complete list of eligibility requirements and additional information can be found at <http://www.gradschool.utah.edu/tbp/index.php>.

College of Nursing Faculty Fellowship Program

This fellowship program is available to current University of Utah College of Nursing faculty enrolled in a doctoral program at the CoN. Benefits and fellowship availability are based on the current economy and donor funding. Faculty interested in this program should contact his or her division chair for more information. Faculty may also the CoN Academic Programs office for information.

Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) allows eligible students whose state of residence is not Utah to enroll in graduate programs at resident tuition rates. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming are eligible. Students do not need to demonstrate financial need. Please note that should a student qualify for both the WRGP and the Graduate Tuition Benefit Program, the student should discuss which program will be most beneficial with the coordinator of graduate scholarships, as both programs cannot be used at the same time.

Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)

<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/fundingopportunities/?id=bd03570b-3eb6-4a77-a1e3-4326ce292907>

The Nurse Faculty Loan Program was created to recruit students enrolled in advanced nursing

education programs to teaching positions at nursing schools across the country. Funded by a grant through the Department of Health and Human Services, the NFLP provides loan debt reduction benefits of up to 85% in exchange for fulfilling a four year service requirement as an instructor in a school of nursing.

Additional Federally-Funded Opportunities

Federal Student Loans this is the place for all Federal student loans – a great place to get started!

AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The overall goal of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality grants for Health Services Research Dissertation Program is to help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained health services researchers is available in adequate numbers and appropriate research areas to address the research mission and priorities of AHRQ.

Graduate Partnership Program in Behavioral Research (GPP)

<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/gpp/IndividualPartnership>

This program links the NIH and the University of Utah College of Nursing. Selected students work and study at the NIH.

Nursing Scholarship Program The Nursing Scholarship Program is a selective program of the U.S. Government that helps alleviate the critical shortage of registered nurses currently experienced by certain types of health care facilities by helping needy students complete their registered nurse training. In exchange for the scholarship, upon graduation, the newly minted nurses work at these types of facilities for at least 2 years.

Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program is a selective program of the U.S. Government that helps alleviate the critical shortage of nurses by offering loan repayment assistance to RNs and APRNs in return for working in a Critical Shortage Facility, and nurse faculty in return for working full time at an accredited school of nursing.

NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program

<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/nursecorps/lrp>

This student loan forgiveness program supports RNs, APRNs, and nurse faculty by paying up to 85% of their unpaid nursing education debt.

Post-graduation-NIH Loan Repayment Programs NIH wants to encourage outstanding health professionals to pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, and clinical research. If you commit at least two years to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit organization or U.S. federal, state, or local government entity, NIH may repay up to \$35,000 of your qualified student loan debt per year, including most undergraduate, graduate, and medical school loans. Loan repayment benefits are in addition to the institutional salary you receive for your research.

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) ensures an adequate number of highly trained scientists will be available in appropriate research areas to carry out the nation's biomedical and biobehavioral research agenda. The Individual Predoctoral Fellowship will

provide approximately \$22,000/year for stipend support, up to \$21,000 in tuition/fees per year, and additional funds (up to \$4,200) for training-related expenses and institutional allowances.

[Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) offers nursing predoctoral fellowships to assist in the education and research development of doctoral-level nurses for the VA and the nation. 2-year full-time (40 hours/week) or 3-year part-time (20 hours/week) programs available. Research interest must be relevant to the care of veterans. Current funding amount is approximately \$31,000/year for the full-time program. Stipend is pro-rated at the same hourly rate as the full-time program. Applications accepted year-round.

Additional Resources for Graduate and Post-Graduate Nursing Students **Private Scholarships & Grants**

[American Association of Colleges of Nursing \(AACN\)](#) website offers a list of AACN financial aid resources, as well as other scholarship and financial aid resources for graduate nursing students.

[AACN State Advocacy Resources for Nurse Educators](#) may provide useful loan and fellowship information if you are planning to become, or are currently a faculty member.

[American Academy of Nurse Practitioners \(AANP\) Foundation](#) offers a scholarship & grant program to its members. Funding amounts vary from \$2,000-\$10,000 – exact award amounts for the previous year can be viewed on the website. There is an annual call for applications.

[American Assembly for Men in Nursing Foundation](#)

<https://www.discovernursing.com/scholarship/american-assembly-men-nursing-foundation-scholarships-men#.WX9tdojuUk> and Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future are offering a new \$1,000 scholarship program for male students pursuing professional nursing education programs.

[American Cancer Society](#)

<https://www.cancer.org/research/we-fund-cancer-research/apply-research-grant/grant-types/doctoral-degree-scholarship-nursing.html>

(ACS) offers generous doctoral degree scholarship in cancer nursing. Initial awards are made for up to two years with the possibility of a two-year renewal. Award is \$15,000 per year. The application deadline is typically on or **around October each year**.

[American Indian Graduate Center \(AIGC\)](#) announces the availability of graduate fellowships for American Indian and Alaska Native students from federally recognized U.S. tribes.

[American Nurses Foundation](#) is currently offering funding for research projects (not tuition). PhD students are eligible to apply. The application process is competitive; approximately 25 awards are given annually. Applications are typically due around May 1 each year.

[American Psychiatric Nurses Association](#) maintains a page listing relevant grants and scholarships. Check back often as information is updated regularly.

[Army Nurse Corps Association \(ANCA\)](#) offers a scholarship program to graduate students. Scholarships are \$3,000. Applications are due approximately March 31st each year.

[Council of Graduate Schools](#) maintains a list of graduate fellowship opportunities for those entering graduate programs. Read eligibility requirements carefully to see how best to market your nursing graduate study.

[Disadvantaged Faculty Loan Repayment Program \(FLRP\)](#)

<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loansscholarships/flrp> provides for repayment of education loans (up to \$40,000) for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who agree to serve for at least two years as faculty members at eligible health professions and nursing schools.

[DiscoverNursing.com](#)

<https://www.discovernursing.com/scholarships#.WZMSldKGNpg> is a searchable database of financial aid opportunities developed for the Johnson & Johnson's Campaign for Nursing's Future campaign.

[DiversityNursing.com](#)

<https://diversitynursing.com/> offers one \$5,000 Education Award each year. To be considered, applicants must create a Jobseeker Account and a brief registration form available on the website. The winner is selected during Nurse Week. Registrations must be complete by April 30th.

[ExceptionalNurse.com](#) offers varying scholarships to qualified students with a disability.

[Health Workforce Information Center](#)

<https://innovations.ahrq.gov/qualitytools/health-workforce-information-center-resources> has information on funding, by type, topic, profession, state and sponsor.

[Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities](#)

<http://www.hacu.net/hacu/default.asp>

offers scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students attending a HACU Member or Partner college or university.

[Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence](#)

Grants offered to support the development of outstanding faculty, advance scholarship and spark innovative practice. The majority of the resources fund the Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program which supports the educational development of nursing doctoral students. Also funds the Jonas Veterans Healthcare Program. Call for application is typically administered through the College of Nursing when it becomes available.

[March of Dimes](#) awards \$5,000 scholarships to registered nurses enrolled in graduate programs of maternal-child nursing. The purpose is to recognize and promote excellence in nursing care of mothers and babies.

[Minority Nurse Faculty Scholarship](#)

offered through AACN and the Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. This scholarship is designed to increase the number of nurse

faculty from ethnic minority backgrounds. Applications due in May; award amount is approximately \$18,000.

[National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association \(NANAINA\)](#)

<http://nanainurses.com/> awards 10 student members enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate nursing program with \$500 Merit Awards annually.

[National Association of Hispanic Nurses \(NAHN\)](#) offers \$40,000 in scholarships to Hispanic bilingual/bicultural nursing students. To qualify, students must be enrolled in an accredited graduate school nursing program.

[National Association of Neonatal Nurses \(NANN\)](#)

<http://nann.org/> offers scholarships for members pursuing a BSN or graduate degree in neonatal nursing or nursing administration.

[National Black Nurses Association \(NBNA\)](#)

<http://www.nbna.org/> offers a Student Nurse of the Year award to an NBNA member in pursuit of a baccalaureate or other advanced nursing degree.

[National Health Service Corps](#)

<https://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/> a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has information about scholarships and loan repayment programs for health care professionals who practice in a medically underserved area.

[National League for Nursing](#)

<http://www.nln.org/foundation/overview/foundation-for-nursing-education-scholarship-awards> offers \$8,000 scholarships for graduate nursing students. These scholarships are awarded to nurses pursuing advanced degrees to advance their careers are full-time nurse educators. Must have completed at least one year of academic program.

[Nurse Practitioner Health Association](#) offers a variety of scholarships (\$1,000 to \$5,000 awards) to students in Nurse Practitioner programs for outstanding research, leadership and academic achievements.

[Nurses Educational Funds, Inc.](#) offers a scholarship for nurses enrolled in an accredited master's or doctoral level nursing program.

[Promise of Nursing Regional Faculty Fellowship](#)

<http://www.forevernursing.org/promise-of-nursing-regional-faculty-fellowship-graduate.html> awards \$1,000 to \$7,500 to students committed to the nurse educator role. This scholarship is offered through The Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association.

[The Oncology Nursing Society Foundation](#) (ONS) awards academic scholarships specifically for students pursuing a master's or doctoral degree or a post-master's certificate.

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing awards small grants to encourage nurses to contribute to the advancement of nursing through research. Max is \$5,000; 10-15 awarded annually.



NURSING SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

U.S. AIR FORCE

Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)

What is HPSP? HPSP is a scholarship program designed to fulfill Air Force requirements for nurses through DNP programs. **The Program covers 100% Tuition, Books, and Equipment/Lab fees.** Students receive extra money during their time in school in return for an active duty service commitment after completion. This allows students to concentrate on medicine and not the financial burden associated with DNP programs. **Do not wait until you get an acceptance letter to apply!**

HPSP financial benefits are provided via direct deposit to the student's bank account. This Money can be used by the students in any way they see fit.

• Monthly Stipend (\$2276.10 X 10.5)	\$23,899.05
• Base Pay (45 Days)	\$4,357.80
• Housing/Subsistence	\$1,766.58
• Total Gross Annual income	\$30,033.43

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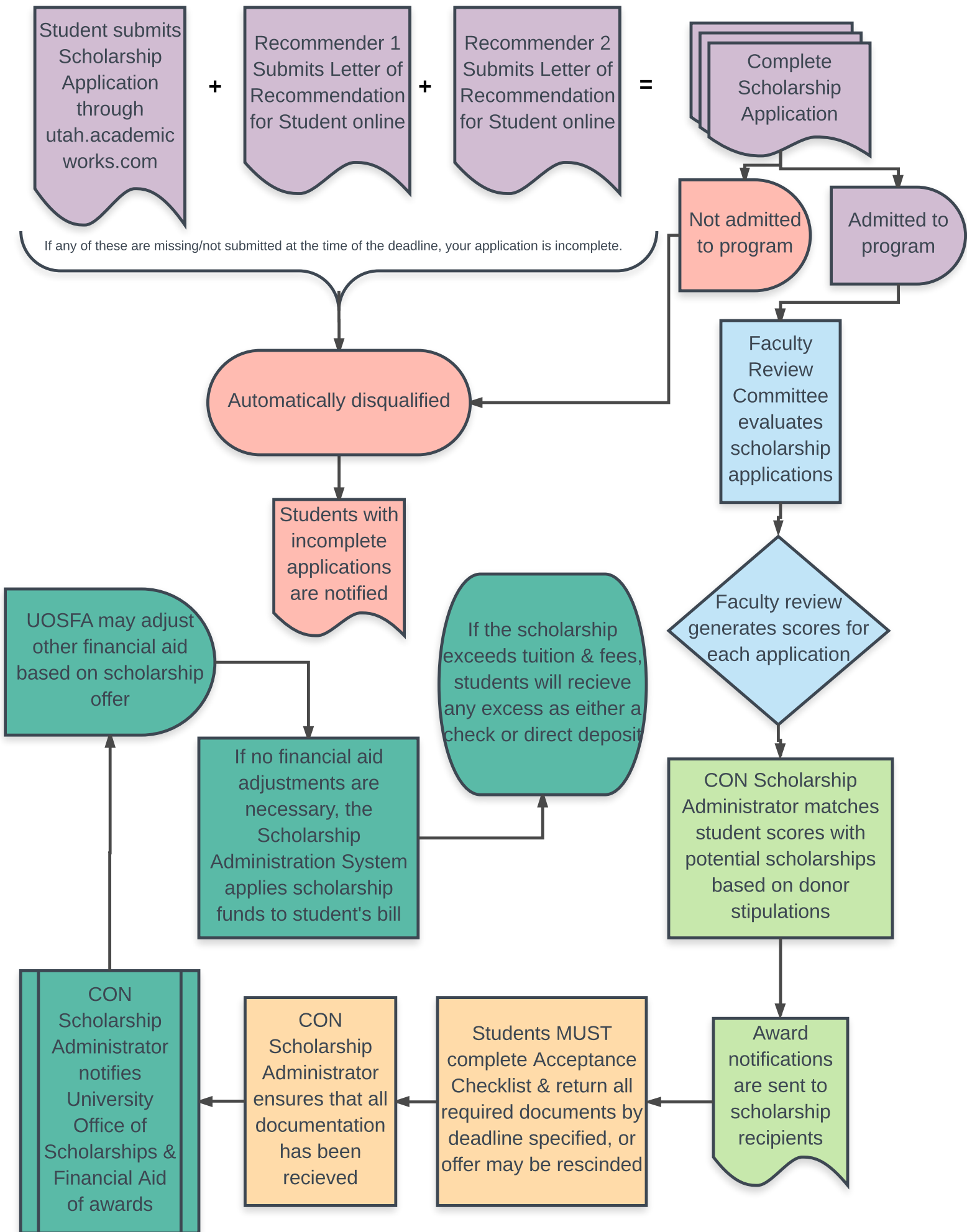
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www.airforce.com





**Scholarship Process Flowchart –
From Application to Award**





Scholarship FAQs

Q: Does everyone get a scholarship?

A: No. Approximately 20% - 25% of applicants are awarded scholarship funding through the College of Nursing.

Q: Are students automatically considered for scholarships?

A: No. Any students, either applying for admission or continuing in nursing programs, must apply annually for scholarships.

Q: What is the scholarship deadline?

A: Scholarship deadlines vary based on which academic program you are enrolled in, or applying to. A complete list of scholarship deadlines can be found on the College of Nursing website.

Q: What if my application is late?

A: Late and/or incomplete scholarship applications are automatically disqualified. **This includes applications where the Letter of Recommendation is not received by the deadline.** There are NO exceptions.

Q: What if my letter writer doesn't get their letter in for my application by the deadline?

A: Your application will be disqualified, since the letter of recommendation is part of the application and all components of the application must be received by the deadline for your scholarship to be considered. Please allow adequate time for your letter writers, and follow up with them prior to the deadline. **It is the student's responsibility to ensure that letter writers are apprised of deadlines.**

Q: What if I have technical issues while I am submitting my scholarship application that cause me to miss the deadline?

A: Do not wait until the deadline to submit your scholarship. Deadlines are final, regardless of any technical issues that you may encounter.

Q: Will I get a reminder before the deadline if my scholarship application is incomplete?

A: No. It is your responsibility to know when the scholarship deadline is, and to ensure that ALL components of your application, including the letter of recommendation, are submitted in time.

Q: What if I have a family or medical emergency and I am not able to submit my scholarship application by the deadline?

A: Do not wait until the scholarship deadline to submit your application. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Q: If I know a scholarship donor or a faculty member, are my chances of getting a scholarship better?

A: No. The College of Nursing has Conflict of Interest policies in place to ensure that Scholarship Committees are not reviewing students for whom they have written letters of recommendation and to disclose potential conflicts. Scholarship donors are not permitted to participate in the selection of students for scholarship awards per their legal agreements with the University.

Q: Is there someone I can meet with to talk about my scholarship application?

A: There are scholarship materials available on the College of Nursing website to help you with your application. If you want help with your scholarship essays, you can make an appointment with the University Writing Center at the Marriott Library. If you have other questions, you can email Sumiko.Martinez@nurs.utah.edu.

Q: If I get a scholarship, do I still have to pay tuition?

A: Yes. The College of Nursing scholarship agreement clearly states "Tuition payments are the student's responsibility. Please be prepared to pay your tuition as instances do occur when funds may not post until after the tuition deadline date." Your scholarship may also not cover the full tuition and fees for the semester, and it is the student's responsibility to pay the remaining tuition if necessary.

Q: If I don't get a scholarship, can I appeal the decision?

A: No. Scholarship decisions are final.

Q: How will I be notified about scholarship results?

A: You will be notified by email to your official UMail address about all scholarship decisions.

Q: What will make me a competitive scholarship applicant?

A: College of Nursing scholarships are evaluated by the appropriate faculty committee – Undergraduate, Graduate, PhD, or Gerontology. Each committee evaluates scholarships using a slightly different rubric. However, the common standards for application excellence are:

- a. *Professional/ research interests, education, and career goals*
 - i. *Well-articulated goals that are measurable and achievable*
 - ii. *Strongly align with nursing profession*
- b. *Academic or professional achievements & merits (past 1-5 years)*
 - i. *Notable high achievement (academically or professionally) and/or notable professional award(s)*
- c. *Leadership and Service (past 1-5 years)*
 - i. *Consistent, sustained leadership and service to CoN, University, or community in significant ways*
- d. *Letter of Recommendation*
 - i. *Letter is from a reputable source who appears to be knowledgeable with regard to applicant's leadership, service, or academic merit.*

- ii. Letter clearly explains and justifies the outstanding qualities of the applicant.
- iii. Letter gives numerous examples of how/why applicant stands out.

Q: What is the prompt for the general scholarship essay?

A: "Please write a 1-2 page essay that clearly addresses the following topics: your professional/research interests, your educational and/or career goals, your academic and/or professional achievements, and your leadership and/or community service."

Q: When will I be notified about scholarship decisions?

A: Scholarship notifications are typically sent out 10 – 12 weeks after the deadline.

Q: Do I need to file the FAFSA to apply for scholarships?

A: All students are **strongly** advised to file a FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov. The FAFSA is a required part of the application for many College of Nursing scholarships. Any scholarship that is partially or entirely based on financial need will required the student to submit a FAFSA in order to be considered.

Q: How many letters of recommendation do I need for my application?

A: Undergraduate students need one letter of recommendation. Graduate students need two letters of recommendation. Do not use the same letter(s) of recommendation for your admission application and your scholarship application. You may ask the same people to write your letters if you so choose.



General Campus Resources

Main Campus Financial Aid Office:

For help with any federal student aid or the FAFSA:

- Grants
- Loans
- Federal Nursing Loan
- Federal Work Study

Student Services Building, Rm 105

financialaid@sa.utah.edu

801-581-6211

Dates to Remember:

Tuition Deadline Date: Found at <http://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuitioninfo/ddd/>.

Classes will be dropped if you do not pay by the deadline.

Difficulty paying Tuition by Due Date:

A list of options for students who have difficulty paying tuition by the deadline is available at <https://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuitioninfo/tpo/>. These include:

- University of Utah Short term loan
- Installment Payment Program
- Deferral of Tuition Plan

Personal Money Management Center:

<http://personal-money-management.utah.edu/>

Center provides financial counseling for students.

Writing Scholarship Essays

<http://writingcenter.utah.edu/>

The University of Utah Writing Center is available to help students become stronger writers, which can include help with scholarship essays. They are located on the 2nd floor of the Marriott Library. Appointments strongly suggested.

College of Nursing Hardship Funding

Please contact Sumiko Martinez if you wish to obtain/submit a hardship application. Hardship applications allow the college to review changes in your financial status that impact your ability to attend school. A limited amount of funding is available.