

# PHILIPPINE NURSES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

# **Scholarship Awards**

### **Description:**

• The Philippine Nurses Association of America, Inc. (PNAA) is offering annual scholarship awards to its members who are currently pursuing a Master's Degree, a Post Master's Degree, or a Doctoral Degree in Nursing. Non-nursing programs are considered with additional eligibility criteria.

#### Award:

- Each award is given annually for \$1,000/semester for a total of \$2,000 in one academic year.
- The PNAA Nursing Scholarship Awards are presented to the recipients at the Annual PNAA National Convention. For this year, it will be **via Zoom from July 21 25, 2021** (Hosted by PNA New England).

## **Eligibility Criteria**

(All three requirements must be satisfied to be eligible)

#### The applicant:

- 1. Must be a currently paid member of the PNAA through a Local Chapter or a member-at-large at least one full year by the date of the deadline for completing the online application.
- 2. Must be currently admitted to an accredited Nursing Master's, Nursing Post Master's, or Nursing Doctoral program.
- 3. Must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better.

## Additional Eligibility Criteria/Requirement for an Applicant Whose Program is Not in the Nursing Field

(e.g., MBA, PhD other than Nursing, etc.)

### The applicant:

- Must be a currently paid member of the PNAA through a Local Chapter or a member-at-large at least five continuous years by the date of the deadline for completing the online application.
- Must be currently working in the nursing field and must be holding a nursing title/position at least five continuous years by the date of the deadline for completing the online application.
- In addition to addressing the question "How will this scholarship assist in attaining my goal?", the applicant must articulate the following in the essay:
  - How the currently enrolled program will benefit the profession of nursing.
  - One's career pathway in nursing in the next five years.

## **Important Information**

- Current members may apply for the PNAA Nursing Scholarship Awards each year, but scholarships will only be awarded once while enrolled in each nursing program (i.e., once for Nursing Master's Degree, once for Nursing Post Master's Certificate, and once for Nursing Doctoral Degree).
- The application for the 2021 PNAA Scholarship Awards is online through **Google Forms**.
- To streamline the process, please read the instructions below to facilitate ease of completing the application.
- Following the instructions is a copy of the actual online Google Forms for reference.
- The deadline for submitting applications is May 15, 2021 (Saturday) at these times:
  - 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time
  - 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time
  - 4:00 p.m. Central Time
  - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time
  - <u>Note</u>: After these times, Google Forms will stop accepting online applications. The Scholarship Committee will only accept applications that are date- and time-stamped on or before the aforementioned times as generated by Google Forms. <u>If you are in the middle of completing</u> the online application and you passed the deadline (date and time), you will not be able to submit your application. It is highly advised to apply early; and not wait the last minute.
- The Scholarship Committee is <u>not</u> responsible for late submissions or inability of applicants to submit through Google Forms due to issues with Wi-Fi, internet, Google software (e.g., the system is down), etc.
- Only documents with clear texts/images will be taken into consideration. Any documents deemed unreadable, blurry, distorted, etc., by the Scholarship Committee, will be excluded from the review.
- Only submissions through the <u>official</u> Google Forms will be accepted for review; any other forms of submission (e.g., postal mail, email, hand delivery, etc.) will not be accepted.
- If selected as one of the recipients of the PNAA Nursing Scholarship Awards, each recipient will receive a Letter of Congratulations from the Scholarship Committee Chair by June 21, 2021.
- Each recipient is encouraged to be present during the Awards Day at the PNAA National Convention to receive the award.
- The \$2,000 scholarship award will be disbursed directly to each recipient's school.
  - Each award will be given annually for \$1,000/semester for a total of \$2,000 in one academic year.
- The recipient must submit a report of his/her academic progress at the end of the academic year to the Scholarship Committee Chair.

### Instructions

- 1. Since applications are through **Google Forms**, you will be required to log in to your Google account (e.g., Gmail) to complete the form. If you do not have an existing Google account, please create one before proceeding.
- 2. All documents that will be uploaded to the online application form must be in <u>PDF</u> files; except for your headshot photo, it must be in a <u>JPEG</u> file.
  - a. You are only allowed to upload <u>one PDF file per type of document</u>. Please make sure you scan all your documents as PDF and save them as <u>one single PDF file per type of document</u>.
  - b. Naming your files:
    - All your file names should begin with your last name, followed by your first name, and then the type of document.

Appendix B

- Examples: Smith.John\_Essay
  - Smith.John\_Recommendation.Letter.Faculty Smith.John\_Continuing.Education Smith.John\_Published.Work Smith.John\_Photo
- c. It is recommended to have a designated folder where you can save all your documents. This will facilitate the ease of uploading your documents to Google Forms.

### 3. Email Address:

a. Provide the email address where you want to be contacted of the result of your application. This does not necessarily have to be the "new" Gmail account you created for the purpose of this application.

### 4. Essay:

- a. The essay should address this question: "How will this scholarship assist in attaining my goal?"
- b. The essay should be no more than 150 words, one page, and double spaced. The essay must include a title.
  - <u>Note</u>: If your program is not in the field of nursing, you must also include in your essay how the currently enrolled program will benefit the profession of nursing as well as your career pathway in nursing in the next five years. For this purpose, you are allowed an additional 50 words in your essay.
- c. Save your essay as a PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.
- 5. Official Document of Current Enrollment or Admission to an Accredited Nursing Master's, Nursing Post Master's Certificate, or Nursing Doctoral Program:
  - a. Scan and save a PDF file of an official document of admission to or current enrollment in an accredited Nursing Master's, Nursing Post Master's Certificate, or Nursing Doctoral Program (e.g., Acceptance Letter) following the naming format of the examples above.

### 6. Transcript of Academic Records:

a. Scan and save a PDF file of an Official Transcript of Academic Records from the academic institution currently attending following the naming format of the examples above.

### 7. Letters of Recommendation:

- a. Request a Letter of Recommendation from your:
  - Employer or direct supervisor
    - **Note:** You must be working in the nursing field and must be holding a nursing title/position.
    - Scan and save the document as a single PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.
  - Faculty member at the school you are currently enrolled
    - Scan and save the document as a single PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.
  - PNAA Chapter President or any member of the Executive Board of your Local Chapter
    <u>Note</u>: If you are a member-at-large, request a letter of recommendation from the PNAA
    Membership Committee Chair. The letter should include the current status of
    membership and the number of years as a member of the PNAA.
    - Scan and save the document as a single PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

### 8. Letter Verifying Current Membership in the PNAA through the Local Chapters:

- a. The letter of verification should include the current status of membership and number of years as member of the PNAA through the Local Chapters.
- b. The letter of verification should be <u>signed</u> by the Local Chapter Membership Chair.

- **Note:** If you are a member-at-large, request a letter of verification from the PNAA Membership Committee Chair. The letter of verification should include the current status of membership and the number of years as a member of the PNAA. The Letter of Recommendation from the PNAA Membership Chair may be accepted for this purpose as well.
- c. Save the letter of verification as a PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

#### 9. Resume/Curriculum Vitae:

- Your resume/curriculum vitae should include your work experience, education, certifications, publications/research papers, community activities/leadership roles, professional affiliations, and awards/recognitions.
- b. Save resume/curriculum vitae as a PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

#### 10. Diploma:

a. Save a PDF file of the diploma of your <u>last</u> nursing degree following the naming format of the examples above.

#### 11. Questions Pertaining to Your Achievements:

- a. If you select "**Yes**", you will be prompted to upload supporting documents pertaining to each question.
- b. If you select "**No**" you will be directed to the next question.
- **Note:** The Scholarship Committee is aware that you may not be able to provide all of the following documents, but these supporting documents will impact your overall score.

#### 12. Continuing Education:

- a. This continuing education is outside of your regular school work. It pertains to professional meetings, seminars, in-services, conferences, etc.
- b. Only continuing education from the past two years at the time of your application date will be taken into consideration.
- c. This also includes being a presenter/speaker at professional meetings (provide supporting documents).
- d. Scan and save all your certificates of participation/attendance/supporting document as a single PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

### 13. Nursing Certification/s:

Note: BLS, ACLS, PALS, etc. are not acceptable

- a. Your professional certification/s should be current.
- b. Scan and save your certificate/s (or any form of document verifying your current certification/s) as a single PDF file following the naming format of the example above.

### 14. Publications and Research Papers:

- a. Proof/Documents of publications, research papers, and/or posters from the past ten years at the time of your application date.
- b. Publications include articles in peer-reviewed journals, chapters in reference books/textbooks, posters, and newsletters (from a professional organization, hospital/unit, Inside PNAA, etc.)
- c. Save the document/s as a PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

### **15. Leadership Roles in Professional Organizations:**

- a. Leadership roles in professional organizations, including, but not limited to the PNAA and its Local Chapters, from the past ten years at the time of your application date.
- b. Leadership roles related to your current employment are <u>not</u> acceptable.
- c. Scan and save certificates/documents verifying leadership roles as a single PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

#### 16. Community Activities:

- a. Community involvement includes active participation from the past ten years at the time of your application date.
- b. Scan and save certificates/documents verifying community involvement as a single PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

#### 17. Professional Organizations/Affiliations:

- a. These include affiliations with PNAA and other professional organizations.
- b. Scan and save copies of your proof of membership (e.g., Current Member ID Card) as a single PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

#### 18. Awards and Recognitions:

- a. Only awards and recognitions from the past ten years at the time of your application date will be taken into consideration.
- b. Nominations to an award in lieu of actual awards are also taken into consideration.
- c. Scan and save copies of your certificates of award/recognition (or any form of document verifying your achievements) as a single PDF file following the naming format of the examples above.

#### 19. Your Photo:

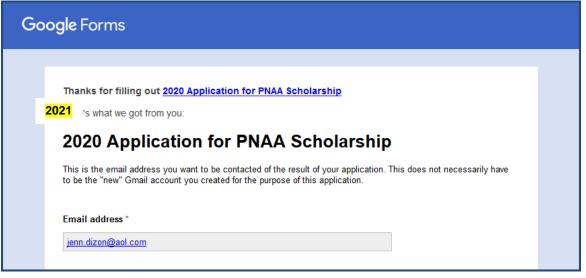
- a. You should be in business attire in your headshot photo.
- b. If you are not in business attire, you will be required to resubmit a photo. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification.
- c. Save your photo in a JPEG file following the naming format of the examples above.
- d. You will be required to sign a Photo Release Consent in the online application in Google Forms.

#### 20. Confirmation of Information:

- a. You will be required to attest that the information you provided on the online application is true to the best of your knowledge.
- 21. After you click the **Submit** button, <u>do not refresh</u>, <u>do not click the back button</u>, <u>nor close your</u> <u>browser</u>; you will lose your entries and you will have to re-start the online application process. And depending on your internet connection, it may take several minutes for the online form to be submitted.
- 22. You know you have successfully completed the online application when you see this message:



23. You will also receive a confirmation in the email you provided on the online application. This is the same email where you will be contacted of the result of your application. **See sample email below:** 



Link to the Online Application Form of the PNAA Nursing Scholarship Awards - Click on the link below, or copy and paste it on your browser -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vfRBC3sN16BOUGXgnAg\_CMGIm3vZqvCi76179viyOiU/edit

For questions, please email Jennifer M. Dizon, DNP, RN-BC (Chair, PNAA Scholarship Committee) at jenn.dizon@aol.com

Appendix B

*	2021 Application for PNAA Scholarship This is the email address you want to be contacted of the result of your application. This does not necessarily have to be the "new" Gmail account you created for the purpose of this application. Required
1.	Email address *
F	NAA Membership
2.	Are you a member of PNAA? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes    Skip to question 3      No    Skip to section 37 (Thank you for your interest in the PNAA Scholarship Award.)
F	NAA Membership
3.	What is your membership type? *
	Mark only one oval.
	I'm a PNAA member through a local chapter    Skip to question 4      I'm a PNAA member-at-large    Skip to question 5
F	NAA Local Chapter
4.	List your PNAA Local Chapter *
h	mportant Information Before Continuing
5.	The Scholarship Awards will be presented during the National Convention via Zoom, scheduled for July 21 - 25, 2021. If you are one of the recipients, you are encouraged to attend the award ceremony. *
	Mark only one oval.
	Acknowledged
lı	nportant Information Before Continuing
6.	By completing and submitting this electronic application, and if you are awarded the scholarship, you agree to submit a report of your academic progress at the end of the academic year to the Scholarship Committee Chair. *
	Mark only one oval.
	Acknowledged
lı	mportant Information Before Continuing

7. The \$2,000 scholarship award will be disbursed directly to your school. It will be given annually for \$1,000/semester for a total of \$2,000 in one academic year. \*

Mark only one oval.

Acknowledged

#### Important Information Before Continuing

8. By completing this application form, you acknowledge that you are currently admitted to an accredited Master's, Post Master's Certificate, or Doctoral program.\*

Mark only one oval.

Acknowledged

Application for PNAA Scholarship

9. Last name \*

10. First name \*

11. Middle name \*

- 12. Credentials (E.g., MSN, RN-BC, etc.) \*
- 13. Best contact phone number \*

14. Mailing address \*

15. Name of academic institution \*

#### 16. Academic institution address \*

17.	Dates o	f current	enrollment *
17.	Dates o	f current	enrollment *

Pro	evious PNAA Scholarship Application
18.	Have you applied for a PNAA Scholarship before? *
	Mark only one oval.
	Yes Skip to question 19
	No Skip to question 23
Pro	evious PNAA Scholarship Application
19	When (date) did you apply? *
	Example: January 7, 2019
20.	In which category? *
	Mark only one oval.
	MA/MSN
	Post Master's Certificate
	DNP
	PhD
21	Were you awarded the scholarship? *
21.	Mark only one oval.
	Yes
	No Skip to question 23
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50	holarship Money
22.	How much money were you awarded? *

Essay

23. Upload a pdf file of an essay addressing this question: "How will this scholarship assist in attaining my goal?" The essay should be no more than 150 words, one page, and double spaced. The essay must include a title. NOTE: If your program is not in the field of nursing, you must include in your essay how the program you are enrolled in will benefit the nursing profession as well as your career pathway in the next five years. For this purpose, you are allowed an additional 50 words in your essay. \*

Files submitted:

Official Document of Current Enrollment or Admission to an Accredited Nursing Master's, Nursing Post Master's Certificate, or Nursing Doctoral Program

24. Upload a pdf file of an official document of admission to or current enrollment in an accredited Nursing Master's, Nursing Post Master's Certificate, or Nursing Doctoral Program (e.g., Acceptance Letter). \*

Files submitted:

Transcript of Academic Records

25. Upload a pdf file of an official Transcript of Academic Records in currently enrolled program.\*

Files submitted:

Letters of Recommendation

26. Upload a pdf file of a Letter of Recommendation from your Employer/Supervisor. You must currently be working in the nursing field and be holding a nursing title. \*

Files submitted:

27. Upload a pdf file of a Letter of Recommendation from a Faculty member at the school you are currently enrolled.\*

Files submitted:

28. Upload a pdf file of a Letter of Recommendation from your Chapter President or any member of the Executive Board of your Chapter. Or, if you are a member at large, upload a pdf file of a Letter of Recommendation from the PNAA Membership Committee Chair. \*

Files submitted:

Verification of Current PNAA Membership Through Your Local Chapter

29. Upload a pdf file of a signed letter of verification of your PNAA membership from your Local Chapter Membership Committee Chair. If you are a member-at-large, this letter should come from the PNAA Membership Committee Chair. \*

Files submitted:

Resume/Curriculum Vitae

30. Upload a pdf file of your resume/curriculum vitae that includes your work experience, education/certifications, publications/research papers, community activities/leadership roles, professional affiliations, and/or awards/recognitions. \*

Files submitted:

Diploma

31. Upload a pdf file of the diploma of your last nursing degree. \*

Files submitted:

Question (Continuing Education)

32. Have you participated in any continuing education (e.g. seminars, conventions, in-services, etc.)? \*

Mark only one oval.

O Yes	Skip to question 39
O No	Skip to question 33

Skip to question 39

#### **Question (Nursing Certifications)**

33. Do you have any nursing certifications (e.g., AORN, RN-BC, CCRN, etc.)? BLS, ACLS, and PALS are not acceptable.\*

Mark only one oval.

Yes Skip to question 40

No Sł	ip to question 3	34
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Skip to question 40

Question (Publications and Research Papers)

34. Do you have any published work, research work, process/quality improvement, posters, etc.? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes Skip to question 41

No Skip to question 35

Skip to question 35

Question (Community Activities)

35. Do you have any community involvement? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes Skip to question 42

No Skip to question 36

Skip to question 36

Question (Leadership Roles)

36. Do you have any leadership roles in any professional organizations? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes Skip to question 43

No Skip to question 37

Skip to question 37

Question (Professional Organizations/Affiliations)

37. Are you a member of any professional organizations? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes	Skip to question 44

No Skip to question 38

Skip to question 38

#### Question (Awards and Recognitions)

38. Have you received any awards or recognitions? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes Skip to question 45

O No	Skip to question	46
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Skip to question 45

#### **Continuing Education**

39. Upload a single PDF file of your certificates of attendance/completion from the past two years. This also includes being a presenter/speaker at a professional meeting. \*

Files submitted:

Skip to question 33

#### Nursing Certification/s

40. Upload a single PDF file of your professional certification/s. \*

Files submitted:

Skip to question 34

#### Publications and Research Papers

41. Upload a single PDF file of proof/documents of publications, research papers, and/or posters. \*

Files submitted:

Skip to question 35

#### **Community Activities**

42. Upload a single PDF file of documents verifying your community activities and/or leadership roles.\*

Files submitted:

Skip to question 36

#### Leadership Roles

43. Upload a single PDF file of documents verifying your leadership roles in professional organizations. \*

Files submitted:

Skip to question 37

Professional Organizations/Affiliations

44. Upload a single PDF file of proof of membership (e.g. Current Member ID Card). \*

Files submitted:

Skip to question 38

Awards and Recognitions

45. Upload a single PDF file of certificates of award/recognition (From the last 10 years only). \*

Files submitted:

Head shot photo in business attire.

46. Upload a JPEG file of your photo; a head shot photo in business attire. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification. \*

Files submitted:

Photo Release Consent

47. By affixing your complete name below, you hereby grant permission to the PNAA to use this digital photo in publications, news releases, online, social media, and in other communications related to any lawful business of the PNAA without payment or other consideration. I hold the PNAA harmless and waive any claims for injury or compensation resulting from the activities authorized by this agreement. Furthermore, the photo, as used in this agreement, shall mean motion picture or still photography in any format, as well as videotape, video disc, social media, and any other mechanical means of recording and reproducing images. Note: the date of this electronic signature corresponds to the date you submitted this electronic application form. \*

Confirmation of Information

48. By affixing your complete name below, you hereby attest that all information provided in this online appliction is true to the best of your knowledge. \*

Thank you for your interest in the PNAA Scholarship Award.

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