



Conference Scholarship Guidelines for Students

Application Form

(Please print clearly)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Nursing School: University

Type of Graduate Program:

Expected date of graduation

Who Is Eligible (Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will be disqualified.)

To apply for this scholarship, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- At the time of nomination full-time or part-time graduate student enrolled in an accredited psychiatric mental health graduate nursing program
- Have completed at least half of the graduate course work
- Current ISPN member or may have an interest in becoming a member
- Have a 3.0 GPA or better (on a 4.0 scale)
- Official Transcript or other proof of GPA
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member or ISPN member
- A brief (300-word) written statement by the student that summarizes their reason for applying for the scholarship, academic and personal accomplishments, community service, & goals for your future nursing career **AND** an updated CV.
 - ✓ Type in Microsoft Word 1997-2007
 - ✓ One inch margins (all sides), Times Roman, Font 12
 - ✓ Written in English
- Attendance of the 2010 ISPN conference is required to receive the scholarship. The \$500 Scholarship awarded may not necessarily cover all expenses
- Provide evaluation at the end of the conference

Have the completed electronic package sent to: Kathleen Scharer **KMSCHAR@mailbox.sc.edu**

Due Date: January 20, 2012.

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Objective	Superior 4 or 5 points	Average 2 or 3 points	Below average 1 point
1. Stated Reason For Applying Scholarship _____ points	Identifies a strong commitment to advance psychiatric nursing. May or may not also state financial need.	States financial need without reference to commitment to advancing psychiatric nursing	No supporting evidence of need or commitment
1. Explanation of deserving or needing the scholarship _____ points	Identifies a strong commitment to psychiatric nursing; uses anecdotal evidence. Clear definition of use relevant to scholarship money.	States financial need without reference to commitment to psychiatric nursing	No supporting evidence of need or commitment
3. Personal Goals _____ points	Stated college goals are pre-determined and specific; including post graduate: career and personal.	Stated college goals are less specific; including post graduate: career and personal.	Goals are not clearly defined
4. Stated purpose for use of the scholarship _____ points	Stated use is specific. Need is well defined and clear.	Stated use is less specific. Need is not well defined or less Clear.	Stated use is vague and not defined
5. Community Service; Involvement in Organizations _____ points	Clear definition of 3 or more organizations served; Purposes, offices are defined. Definition of the work done is clearly stated.	Clear definition lacking or missing; 3 or fewer organizations served. Purposes, offices, are less clearly defined	Community service definitions are vague and less purposeful.
6. Letters of recommendation _____ points	Letter references the applicant's interest, accomplishments, professional goals in psychiatric nursing and their goal of giving back to the community, as well as make reference to superior character and leadership.	Letter makes reference to the applicant's superior character and leadership, but do not clearly reference their commitment to advancing psychiatric nursing	Letter reference little about the applicant's superior character and leadership, and does not clearly reference their commitment to advancing psychiatric nursing

Please award between 0 and 5 points for general appearance of the submission, outstanding merit noted in the submission as relevant to need and commitment to psychiatric mental health nursing.

_____ **Points**

Total Points Awarded _____ **(30 possible)**

Applicant ID: _____ **Evaluator** _____