

Applications for Fall 2018 scholarships are due August 31, 2018.

Reconociendo la Excelencia en Estudiantes de Enfermería Latinx
Recognizing Excellence in Latinx Nursing Students
Naa kuta'vo nuu suchi ka sikua'a tatna na Latinx

About WW-NAHN Scholarships

WW-NAHN Scholarships contribute to diversity in nursing by investing in <u>Latinx</u> students. Our scholarship program embraces equity in funding opportunities for Latinx nursing students enrolled in an accredited nursing program in Western Washington.

Special Thanks to Salal Credit Union for funding our 2017 and 2018 scholarships!



Congratulations 2017 Scholarship Recipients!



(L to R): Azucena Navarro, Maria Isabel Rodriguez and Cecilia Perez). View student short bios here.

Information About WW-NAHN Scholarships

PURPOSE

- Provide financial support as an equity piece, for educational expenses to qualified <u>Latinx</u> students who have a permanent address, or are currently enrolled in a nursing program in Western Washington State and are preparing for a career as a registered nurse, or to RNs returning for an advanced degree in nursing.
- 2. Contribute to nursing diversity through the advancement and retention of Latinx students in nursing.
- 3. Celebrate and acknowledge Latinx nurses as leaders in designing a transcultural and inclusive quality health system that is equitable and available to all.

WW-NAHN TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Five scholarships of \$2,100 each will be awarded for fall 2018 school term.

Scholarship awards are presented to WW-NAHN members accepted into and enrolled in a nursing program for Fall 2018 school term. If you have applied but have not been accepted, you are ineligible and should wait until the following year to apply for the scholarship. Please note that the number of scholarships offered each year is dependent upon the amount in the scholarship fund.

<u>ADN/BSN:</u> Students enrolled in associate or baccalaureate degree programs preparing for a career as a registered nurse.

RN Baccalaureate (RNB) Program: A registered nurse in a program leading to a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Advance Degree Program: A current RN working toward an advanced degree in nursing. For Master's, DNP and PhD nursing students. Must demonstrate an exemplary commitment to underserved and vulnerable Latinx communities and to the nursing profession through extracurricular professional activities.

WW-NAHN reserves the right to distribute the scholarships among these categories depending on applications received.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Scholarships:

- Be currently enrolled in a nursing program as described in the categories above.
- Maintain a minimum "B" average (3.0 grade point average).
- Maintain a permanent address in Western WA or be enrolled in a nursing program located in Western WA. NOTE: WW-NAHN members are automatically eligible.
- Become a WW-NAHN member within 30 days of receiving the award. NOTE: WW-NAHN will
 refund a one-time membership registration for recipients receiving their initial nursing licensure.

AWARD CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of all statements below:

- An understanding of your role in supporting the mission of WW-NAHN, which is: to advance the health of Latinx communities in WA State, by leading, promoting, and advocating for educational, professional, and leadership opportunities for Latinx nurses and students;
- Experience at personal, family, history, volunteer, professional, or academic levels that demonstrate a commitment to health equity of Latinx communities in Western WA and beyond;
- A determination to increase advocacy for a health system that is inclusive, with special interest in migrant farm worker health, and all who are currently marginalized from accessing health services.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Application materials must be submitted <u>electronically</u> by **11:59 pm on Friday**, **August 31**, to: wwnahn@uw.edu
- B. Scholarship application materials **must** include the following:
 - 1. Completed and signed WW-NAHN Scholarship Application (5 pages).
 - 2. Current college transcripts that **include** nursing courses **and** any prerequisites (an unofficial copy of the transcript is acceptable).

 - 4. Include a current resume or curriculum vitae. Please be sure to include the following headings:
 - Employment-this category includes unpaid work that contributes to family well being;
 - Volunteer and Community Service;
 - Professional Organizations and Committees;
 - <u>Honors, Awards and Scholarships-</u>Includes honors awarded you by community leaders for upholding advocacy for cultural traditions in health;
 - Presentations, Publications and Research;
 - <u>Proficiency in Indigenous Languages</u>, such as: Triqui/Trique, Mixteco, and others (not required, but highly regarded);
 - Proficiency in Spanish (not required, but highly regarded).

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The WW-NAHN Scholarship Committee will select scholarship recipients. All information will be held in strict confidence.
- B. This Scholarship is a one-time award, unless previous WW-NAHN member awardee is seeking an advanced degree. New recipients will be selected yearly.
- C. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email and by mail and will be acknowledged on our social media and website.
- D. Awards will be paid by WW-NAHN and mailed directly to the recipient.

WESTERN WASHINGTON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC NURSES MISSION

Western Washington National Association of Hispanic Nurses is a professional nursing organization committed to advancing the health of <u>Latinx</u> communities in WA State, by leading, promoting, and advocating for educational, professional, and leadership opportunities for Latinx nurses and students.

Questions? Email wwnahn@uw.edu

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Can I apply if I have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status? *Answer:* Yes, if you are either attending school or have a permanent address in Western Washington, you are eligible to apply.
- Can I apply if I am a WW-NAHN member, but do not have a permanent address in Western WA, and am taking an online degree course in another state? *Answer*: Yes, WW-NAHN members are automatically eligible to apply for a scholarship.
- Do I need to send transcripts from all the schools I have attended? *Answer:* You only need to send in **current** college transcripts that include nursing courses and any prerequisites.
- Do I need to send official transcripts? *Answer:* An official transcript is not needed, an unofficial transcript is sufficient and needs to be submitted with the application.
- Do you have a form for my references to complete? *Answer:* No, we do not have a form. We prefer to have the reference write a letter of recommendation.
- Can I have a past instructor write a letter of recommendation? *Answer:* Yes, as long as they know you well enough to write a letter of recommendation.
- How do I send in the reference letter? *Answer:* Please ask your reference to submit your recommendation with your name in the subject line directly to: wwnahn@uw.edu no later than the determined deadline.
- Which category of scholarship should I apply for? *Answer:* Please review the detailed information on the scholarship application to determine your category.
- Can I apply for a scholarship if I haven't completed any prerequisites? *Answer:* No, you need to complete the nursing prerequisites and be accepted and enrolled into a program before you can apply.
- How can I deliver my application? *Answer:* Please submit your application electronically to our email address by the determined deadline. We cannot accept faxes.