

**Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Inc.**  
(BBNA, Inc.)

**Essay Guidelines**

The essay must meet the following criteria:

- presentation of personal ideas of what you can do as an individual nurse to improve the health status and/or social conditions of African Americans,
- statement summarizing your career goals as a nurse,
- 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, other extracurricular school activities, involvement in the African American Community, i.e., letters, news clippings, awards, certificates, etc., that support this involvement, other evidence such as a certificate, plaque, letter from official of an organization, e.g., Girl/Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, in which the applicant participated in the community or community service activities.

- typed or electronic document,
- doubled spaced,
- document length: minimum of 2 pages, maximum 3 pages,
- correct grammatical construction, and
- correct spelling.

**Mail completed application packet so that it is posted marked no later than October 1, 2009.**

**Incomplete or late applications are not considered.**