

BIRMINGHAM BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. Box 13856
Birmingham, AL 35202
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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Inc. (BBNA), as a Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), is committed to excellence in education. Through its dedicated members, BBNA offers continuing education programs for nurses, nursing students, and allied health professionals. Its members are also involved in various community-based activities to reach the underserved members of our communities. We would like you to become a part of this great professional organization.

This year, the BBNA is pleased to announce the awarding this Fall of its annual nursing student scholarship. The deadline is no later than September 3, 2010, for receipt of the completed application packet. You must mail the completed application packet so that it is **postmarked no later than September 3, 2010**. In order to receive the scholarship, you must attend the Legends in White gala, November 6, 2010, The Harbert Center, Birmingham. Additionally, another essential aspect of receiving the scholarship is that in the future, you will join the BBNA (or other Chapter of the NBNA) and participate. Currently, Chapters of the National Black Nurses Association are also located in Montgomery and Mobile. The members of the BBNA look forward to your ideas and active involvement.

The scholarship will assist in the funding that is needed for your tuition or books and is issued to your nursing school. Please carefully review the Scholarship Requirements. Submit **all** required documents with your application packet.

Send the completed application packet to:

Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Inc.
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 13856
Birmingham, AL 35202.

The members of the Scholarship Committee will not review or consider late or incomplete packets. For membership information, visit the website at www.birminghambna.org. If needed, this site also has the scholarship requirements, application form, and essay guidelines.

Thank you,



Mardell Davis, RN, PhD
Chair, Scholarship Committee

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

Scholarship Requirements

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. current enrollment in a licensed registered nursing program that is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing,
2. minimum GPA of 2.75,
3. good scholastic standing at the time of application,
4. successful completion of the first clinical nursing course,
5. at least 2 full semesters remaining of nursing school, and
6. in the future, join and actively participate in the BBNA, Inc.

For consideration, the **application packet** must contain **all** the following requirements:

1. official transcript(s) from all colleges, universities, and schools attended, (An **official transcript** is one that has the school's embossed seal and is in its unopened school's official envelope.),
2. an essay that adheres to the Essay Guidelines,
3. two (2) letters of recommendation and at least one letter that is written on the school's letterhead stationery from one of the applicant's current nursing faculty,
4. additional evidences (documentation) to support the applicant's qualifications; the applicant will need to include descriptions of extracurricular activities and community involvement. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

participation in a student nurses association; other extra-curricular activities of the school; involvement in the African-American community, i.e., letters, newspaper clippings, awards, certificates, etc., that support this involvement; other evidence such as a certificate, plaque, letter from official of an organization, ex., Girl/Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, in which the applicant participated in the community or in community service activities.

Please note: Failure to submit all required information will automatically disqualify the applicant.

Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Application for Nursing Scholarship

(Type or print in black ink)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Daytime Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Current Address _____

City State Zip Code

Member of Birmingham Black Nurses Association? Yes _____ / No _____

Have you ever held a nursing license? Yes _____ / No _____

Name of current nursing school _____

Address City State Zip Code

Dean/Director's name _____

Nursing School's Phone Number (____) _____

Classification _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Advisor _____ Phone Number (____) _____

I hereby affirm that all the information provided is true. I am aware that any false statement will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application packets are not reviewed if postmarked after September 3, 2010

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 extra-curricular activities of the school; involvement in the African-American community (must provide documentation such as copies of letters, newspaper clippings, awards, certificates, etc., that support this involvement); other evidence such as a certificate, plaque, letter from official of an organization, ex., Girl/Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, in which you participated in the community or in community service activities.

- typed or word-processed, 12 font; style: any standard, non-Italic, ex., Arial, Times New Roman,
- doubled spaced with one-inch margins,
- length: minimum 2 pages, maximum 3 pages,
- correct grammatical construction, and
- correct spelling.

Mail completed application packet so that it is post marked no later than September 3, 2010.

Incomplete or late applications are not considered.