

Program Overview

Purpose

The Lee Health Florida Gulf Coast University Nursing Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to current and prospective employees who have been accepted into FGCU's School of Nursing program.

Background

The funds for this scholarship are provided by LINE grant funding from the State Of Florida and The Lee Health Foundation.

Overview

The Lee Health Florida Gulf Coast University Nursing Scholarship will contribute up to \$10,000, to assist in the cost of tuition, fees and educational costs of attendance for the scholar selected. Educational costs of attendance may include books, e-books, apparel, computers or equipment required for the nursing program or specific courses. Payment for academic expenses will be made directly to Florida Gulf Coast University. Scholars will need to meet the retention guidelines of the school of nursing for the BSN program in order to receive funding.

As part of the educational experience, Lee Health will provide participants with accessibility to participate in select Lee Health approved enrichment activities (such as educational speakers, conferences, symposiums, and Schwartz Rounds) and the ability to complete clinical rotations as available within a Lee Health facility. Scholars will also have the opportunity to apply to a Student Nurse Apprentice Position (SNAP) at Lee Health upon meeting position requirements. All Scholarship recipients agree to apply to a Lee Health Nurse Residency program prior to their final semester of their program and commit to work for Lee Health for a minimum of 18 months upon graduation of the BSN program.

Application Periods

Spring application period deadline October 1, 2023

Fall application period deadline March 1, 2024

All completed applications and materials to support the application should be sent to FGCUScholarship@LeeHealth.org



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Program Support & Agreements

In order to apply, Applicants must have been accepted into Florida Gulf Coast University Nursing program and attach proof of acceptance to their application.

Acceptance to the program is based on the applicant's prior academic achievement, personal statement submission, interview and overall evaluation. Awards will be provided regardless of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, age, disability or any other protected category. Lee Health employees, as well as underrepresented minorities in healthcare (Hispanic/Latinos, Black/African Americans, Native Americans /Alaskans, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders and those of two or more races), are encouraged to apply. Applicants will write a personal statement and complete application by the posted deadline to be considered.

The program award is paid directly to FGCU for the designated BSN nursing program, is subject to payment of applicable taxes by the participant, and will not be used or transferred for any other reason or program. The scholarship will contribute up to \$10,000 to the chosen Scholar to assist in the cost of tuition, fees and educational costs of attendance.

Recipients must attend classes at the designated college campus in Fort Myers, Florida and must have access to a computer for online course work.

Recipients must meet and maintain both FGCU's academic and procedural standards, and the retention guidelines of the school of nursing for the BSN program. Recipients must turn in grades to Lee Health Education Coordinator within 30 days of the semester end date. Recipients are required to repayment of the money received on their behalf for failure to complete the class/program/degree. Unusual circumstances that contribute to class/program/degree failure may be reviewed by the Chief Nursing Officer or Chief People Officer.

Lee Health will provide recipients with opportunities to participate in Lee Health approved designated enrichment activities, Schwartz Rounds initiatives and the ability to complete clinical rotations as available within a Lee Health facility. They also have the opportunity to apply to a Student Nurse Apprentice Position (SNAP) at Lee Health. All program participants agree to apply to a Lee Health Nurse Residency Position before their final semester of their program, which has other requirement that can be reviewed at that time.

I have reviewed and understand the above

Applicant Signature: _____ ***Date:*** ____/____/____



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Application for Lee Health / Florida Gulf Coast University Nursing Scholarship

Personal Data *(print legibly)*

Applicant's Name:		Email:	
Permanent Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone (H):	(W):	Cell:	
		U.S. Citizen: Yes No	

School Information

High School Attended:	Graduation Date:
Accepted into FGCU School of Nursing: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	
A copy of acceptance must be submitted with this application	
Student ID #:	
Semester Starting program:	

Community Service

Are you involved in any volunteer or community service activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, where:	Number of hours volunteered?
Have you participated in any Lee Health community-related events, if yes, which events?:	

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____



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Please use the below checklist to ensure that all required information/forms are included for submittal

- Signed Program Criteria and Guideline Sheet
- Completed Application and associated documents
- Required Personal Statement
- Documentation that you have been accepted into the FGCU School of Nursing BSN program
- Signed Agreement form

I certify that the material submitted by me is true and correct without omissions of any kind.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Personal Statement

In approximately 500 words, please tell us about yourself, including what inspired your interest in nursing, what your professional goals are and how this scholarship will aid in achieving these goals.



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I, _____ understand and acknowledge my intention to participate in the Lee Health Florida Gulf Coast University Nursing Scholarship Program for which I have been selected.

In recognition of receipt of a conditional scholarship award provided to me, I understand and acknowledge that should I not successfully complete the BSN program/degree that repayment of the scholarship is required. Should repayment be required, Lee Health will develop a schedule for repayment. In the event Lee Health is force to initiate collection efforts to recover these funds, I understand and agree that I will also be responsible for court costs and expenses as well as reasonable attorney’s fees and collection fees.

I agree to submit a copy of my grades / proof of passing to the Lee Health Education Assistance Coordinator at the end of each semester.

Date

Student Signature

Lee Health Representative

Student Name

Title – Lee Health Representative

Address

City / State / Zip Code



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On behalf of Lee Health, we would like to introduce our commitment with Florida Gulf Coast University to offer you the opportunity to realize your dreams and fulfill your goal of obtaining your nursing degree!

Education is one of our core values, we encourage learning and strive for excellence all while upholding the highest standards of safety, quality and deliver an exceptional experience.

The Lee Health Florida Gulf Coast University Nursing Scholarship Program will contribute up to \$10,000 to assist in the cost of tuition and educational costs of attendance. Lee Health will also provide participants with opportunities to participate in enrichment activities, the ability to complete clinical rotations at one of our facilities and more. Apply Today!