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In today's economy, many students not only find it necessary to work while attending graduate school, but often seek financial assistance in the form of scholarships and loans. Most of our academic programs accommodate both part-time and full-time students. Financial aid counseling and resources are available for both prospective and matriculated students of the School of Nursing. The application procedures for scholarships, traineeships, and loans are outlined below.

Application. General information about scholarships and financial aid will be included in the application packet. A prospective student who desires to be considered for financial aid (traineeships, scholarships, or loans) should indicate this on the application form for admission. All decisions regarding financial aid awards will be made in writing directly to the student. Applications for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be made directly on-line to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Instructions on how to complete the FAFSA can be found on the School of Nursing's web site: <http://www.nursing.duke.edu>. Applications may also be obtained from the School of Nursing Office of Financial Aid.

Student Budget. A student budget is established as a basis for evaluating financial need. This includes tuition, based on full-time enrollment for a 12-month period, required fees and health insurance, room and board, books, miscellaneous educational needs and modest personal expenses. If a student is enrolled in part-time study, the budget is prorated. No allowance is made for car payments, time payments on personal purchases, appliances, or other consumer debts. In no case will financial aid, combined with the student's financial resources, exceed the School's approved student budget.

Adjustments to Aid Award. At any time after the financial aid application has been submitted, or an award made, upward adjustment may be made by the School if a student's estimated resources cease to exist or fail to materialize. Similarly, if a student receives funds that were not anticipated at the time of application, the financial aid award will be reduced accordingly.

Duke Employee Educational Assistance and the Department of Nursing Reimbursement. Duke University Hospital provides this opportunity as part of a commitment to excellence in advanced nursing preparation. Please visit the HR website for more information on this program: www.hr.duke.edu/benefits/education/assistance.html.

School of Nursing Scholarships

The Duke University School of Nursing awards two types of scholarships to degree or post-master's certificate students: merit scholarships and need-based scholarships. School of Nursing scholarships are not awarded to non-degree or special students.

Merit Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to outstanding degree or post-master's certificate applicants who meet the eligibility criteria. These scholarships are awarded to entering students during their first semester as a degree or certificate student. Once awarded, the scholarship covers a fixed percentage of tuition costs for the student's entire program of study (provided the student remains in good standing). Merit scholarship applications are part of the application packet. Applications may also be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Student Services before the application deadline date for the appropriate semester in which the student seeks admission as a degree or post-master's certificate candidate (e.g. March 1 for Summer and Fall semesters; October 1 for Spring semester).

Need-based Scholarships are awarded to master's or post-master's certificate students who have demonstrated need for financial assistance. Students are first required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The report generated from the FAFSA is used to establish eligibility for need-based scholarships and loans (see section on loans). Unlike merit applications, need-based scholarships may be applied for at any time before the end of drop/add. Once awarded, the scholarships cover a fixed percentage of tuition costs for the student's entire program of study, provided the student remains in good standing and provided the student's financial status has not changed. Students are expected to notify their designated School of Nursing Financial Aid Officer in the Office of Financial Aid, if the student's financial circumstances change and the need-based scholarship requires adjustment.

Sources of School of Nursing Scholarships. The School of Nursing receives scholarship funds from a variety of sources and benefactors. These sources are listed below. However, all scholarship funds are *ipooled* to ensure student scholarships can be funded for the duration of the student's eligibility. When a student completes a FAFSA with the intention of applying for Need-Based Scholarship assistance, he/she is applying for and is considered for all scholarships in the *ipool* for which they qualify. They need not apply for a specific scholarship fund. The *ipool* approach ensures that the student will continue to receive scholarship funding regardless of the fund balance in any particular scholarship fund.

Allen Family Nursing Scholarship. This endowed scholarship fund was given to the school by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen in honor of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. James H. Allen (Ruth Register), a 1958 graduate of the Duke School of Nursing. This scholarship provides assistance to worthy students based on merit as well as financial need.

Margaret Castleberry and William Frank Malone Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was established by Colonel William Frank Malone as a memorial to his wife, Margaret Castleberry Malone, a Duke University School of Nursing alumna, to provide assistance to students in the graduate nursing program, giving consideration to the greatest need.

Laurel Chadwick Gerontological Nursing Scholarship. This endowed fund was established in 1997 by Harry (T 1950, L 1953) and Laurel (B.S. - NED 1953) Chadwick to recognize the Chadwicks' long standing interest in the school. Laurel Chadwick has had a life-long career in and commitment to care of the elderly, including administering long-term care facilities and rehabilitation centers. She is an Emeriti member of the School of Nursing Advisory Board and has had a particular interest in working with the faculty on

issues related to gerontological nursing. Awards from this fund are made to students in the Gerontological Nurse Practitioner specialty based on merit and financial need.

Class of 1954 Scholarship. This endowed fund was established in 1998 by members of the Nursing class of 1954 on the occasion of their 45th reunion. The fund will benefit students based on need.

The Nancy Swan Coll and Peter Coll Scholarship. This endowed fund was established in 1998. Nancy is a valuable member of the School of Nursing Advisory Board, and a member of the nursing class of 1968. Nancy's husband Peter and their daughter are graduates of Duke. The fund benefits nursing students based on need and merit.

Elizabeth Lawrence Duggins Memorial Scholarship. This endowed scholarship fund was established in 2001 by the family of Elizabeth Lawrence Duggins, N'45 in memory of their wife, mother, and grandmother who was a leader in nursing administration. Mrs. Duggins achieved the top of her profession as a director and vice president of nursing for a 1,500 bed hospital. When she died in 2000 her husband, her daughter Elizabeth Duggins Peloso, E'78, and her son Ray B. Duggins, Jr. T'75, decided to create the scholarship to provide assistance for future nursing leaders and to permanently link Mrs. Duggins with her nursing alma mater.

Duke Medical School Faculty Wives Scholarship. With proceeds from the Nearly New Shoppe, the Duke Medical School Faculty Wives established a scholarship endowment fund to benefit students in the School of Nursing. Scholarship awards are based on merit and need.

The Bonnie Jones Friedman Endowed Humanitarian Award. This fund was established in 2000 in the honor of School of Nursing faculty member Bonnie Jones Friedman Ph.D. by her friends, family and colleagues. Each year a student is selected by the faculty to receive this award. The award recognizes a student who has exemplified superior achievements in the realm of service to the school, the university, the nursing profession (or the community) in improving access to health care and service to the lives of others. The funds can be used by students to offset educational expenses incurred other than tuition.

Ann Henshaw Gardiner Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was established by the bequest of Miss Gardiner who was the first full-time faculty member of the Duke University School of Nursing. Scholarships are awarded to students based on scholastic achievement and financial need.

William Randolph Hearst Nursing Scholarship. The annual income from this scholarship provides merit scholarships for students enrolled in the oncology and family nurse practitioner programs.

The Anna L. Hoyns Memorial Scholarship. The endowment for this scholarship was given to the school by Lucille H. Sherman, Forest Hills Gardens, New York, in memory of her mother, Anna L. Hoyns, to be awarded to deserving students.

Marla Vreeland Jordan Scholarship. This fund was established in 1993 under the will of Ervin R. Vreeland in memory of his daughter, Marla, who graduated in 1960 with a BSN degree. Scholarship awards are based on merit and need.

The Kaiser Permanente Endowed Scholarship. This fund was established at the School of Nursing in 1998. Awards from this fund are made to worthy students based on need.

Helga and Ery W. Kehaya Nursing Scholarship. The endowment for this scholarship was given to the School by Helga and Ery W. Kehaya of Tequesta, Florida, in appreciation of the excellent nursing care provided at Duke University Medical Center. Awards are made to worthy students.

Mary King Kneedler Scholarship. Mary Kneedler (BSN 1936) established this endowed fund in 1998 to honor her experiences as a Duke nursing student and recognize the importance of educating advanced practice nurses. Scholarships are awarded to students based on scholastic achievement and financial need.

Harrington/McLeod Scholarship Fund. This Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 2001 by Mr. Charles Harrington and named for him and his special friend Ms. Margaret McLead (RN 1949). Mr. Harrington enjoyed his connections with the Duke University School of Nursing through Meg. He was a wonderful man who enjoyed life and valued strong nursing education. This fund benefits nursing students based on need and merit.

Herman and Rose Krebs Scholarship. This endowed fund was established in 1999 by Ralph Snyderman, M.D. chancellor of Health Affairs at Duke University Medical Center and Judith Krebs Snyderman, RN; Judith's mother Rose Krebs; Judith's sister Laura Krebs Gordon; and Judith's brother David Krebs in honor of Judith's mother and in memory of her father. They chose to establish this fund to support nursing students because they firmly believe that the Duke School of Nursing is uniquely positioned to shape the future of nursing and to prepare a new generation of nursing leaders. In 2002 the fund was designated to award scholarships to benefit qualified minority students from underserved areas. Ultimately, the goal is to raise enough to provide a full tuition scholarship for one minority student per year.

The Linda Odom Scholarship. This endowed fund was established in 2000 by classmates, other friends, and family of Linda Odom Cook in her memory. Linda was a graduate of the class of 1963 and a Duke Hospital and Duke Clinic nurse throughout her career. The fund will benefit students based on merit and need.

School of Nursing Loyalty Scholarship. The Alumni Association of the Duke University School of Nursing established this endowed fund in recognition of the school's outstanding program. Awards are made to worthy students based on need.

School of Nursing Student Aid Scholarship. This fund was established to provide scholarships to students based on need.

The Dr. Scholl Foundation Scholarship. These scholarship gifts are proposed each year to the Foundation that was established by William M. Scholl, M.D. The Scholl Foundation is dedicated to providing financial assistance to organizations committed to improving the world. Awards are made to students based on merit and need.

Marian Sanford Sealy Scholarship. This endowed fund was established as a memorial to Mrs. Sealy by the Durham-Orange County Medical Auxiliary of Durham, North Carolina. Mrs. Sealy was a student at the Duke University School of Nursing from October 1936 to September 1939. She was a staff nurse at Duke Hospital and the wife of Dr. Will C. Sealy, professor of Thoracic Surgery at Duke University Medical Center. Awards are made to students based on merit.

The Virginia Stone Scholarship. This endowed fund was established in June of 1994 in honor of the late Virginia Stone, Professor Emerita of Nursing. Dr. Stone was the chair of this country's first master's program in nursing to offer a major in gerontology. She gained a reputation for demanding, expecting, and supporting excellence from others as they pursued academic and clinical challenges. In 1999 the fund was added to by the Dr. Scholl Foundation. Awards from this fund are made to worthy students based on merit as well as financial need.

Teagle Nursing Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was established by The Teagle Foundation, Inc. to support students pursuing the master's degree in Nursing and Healthcare Leadership.

Emmy Lou Tompkins Scholarship. This endowed fund was established by Emmy Lou Morton Tompkins (Duke University Class of 1936) in appreciation of the education received by her daughter, Boydie C. Girimont, who graduated from the Duke University School of Nursing in 1962. Scholarship awards are based on scholastic achievement.

The Barbara Turner Scholarship. This endowed fund was established in 1998 by Mr. George H. Turner, III in honor of his wife Dr. Barbara S. Turner, Associate Dean for Research at the Duke University School of Nursing, as a gift to her on the occasion of their 27th wedding anniversary. This endowment honors and supports the continued spirit of professional leadership and excellence exemplified by Dr. Turner and the Duke University School of Nursing. Scholarship awards are based on both merit and need.

Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarships. These scholarship gifts are proposed each year to the Foundation that was established by Conkey Pate Whitehead as a memorial to his mother. Awards are made for the aid and benefit of female students from nine southeastern states: Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and Florida. In 2003 they agreed to send additional funds to benefit Accelerated BSN students.

Florence K. Wilson Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was established by the Duke University School of Nursing Alumni in memory of their third dean. Awards are made to worthy students based on need.

Other Scholarships

The Graduate and Professional School University Scholars Program. Designed to stimulate an interdisciplinary, intergenerational community of scholars, the University Scholars Program was created in 1998 with a gift from Duke University Trustee Melinda French Gates and her husband Bill Gates, through the William H. Gates Foundation. These students are chosen based on their outstanding personal and academic merits and participate in regular interdisciplinary events throughout their academic career.

Other Scholarships. In an effort to assist students with outside scholarship opportunities, each semester the Office of Financial Aid distributes a scholarship newsletter which can be found on the School of Nursing website at: www.nursing.duke.edu. Scholarship announcements and reminders are also distributed via email to all students as needed. Many of our students are recipients of the NC Nurse Scholars Program and the NC Health Science and Mathematics Loan Program, just to name a few. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information or visit the School of Nursing website: <http://www.nursing.duke.edu>.

Traineeships

The school submits an application for traineeship grants to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services each year. If the application is approved and funded, traineeship awards are made to students according to traineeship guidelines. Due to the specific requirements of the traineeships, applications are provided to all students at the beginning of the fall semester (in conjunction with the funding from the Department of Health and Human Service. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for further details.

Loans

United States citizens or resident aliens who are accepted for enrollment or who are enrolled and maintaining satisfactory progress may apply for a loan through the School of Nursing Office of Admissions and Student Services. The types of loans available are:

Federal Stafford Loans (Subsidized and Unsubsidized). Federal Stafford loans are available to all students interested in using low interest loans to subsidize the cost of their education. Eligibility for Stafford loans is determined by the Office of Financial Aid. Loans that do not accrue interest while the student is in school are called Subsidized Stafford loans. Student must demonstrate a financial need to be eligible for the subsidized portion. Unsubsidized Stafford loans are available to all students, regardless of need and will accrue interest during the entire life of the loan. Payment of both subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans may be deferred while the student is in school and is given a 6 month grace period following graduation. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.FAFSA.ed.gov to be considered for Federal Stafford loans. A Student Aid Report will electronically be sent to the school when a student enters the Duke University School of Nursing school code, E00162. Students will be notified of their Federal Stafford loan award in writing from the Office of Financial Aid following receipt of a Student Aid Report.

Federal Perkins Loans. A Federal Perkins Loan is a low-interest (5 percent) loan for both undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional financial need. Duke University is the lender of the loan and the loan is made with government funds with a share contributed by the school. This loan must be repaid to Duke University unless you qualify for the Perkins cancellation benefits. A full-time nurse or medical technician providing health care services may have up to 100% of the loan forgiven. The funding level for the Federal Perkins Loan is different each academic year and is not guaranteed. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at: www.FAFSA.ed.gov to be considered for a Federal Perkins Loan.

Nursing Education Loan Repayment: *The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP)* offers registered nurses substantial assistance to repay educational loans in exchange for service in eligible facilities located in areas experiencing a shortage of nurses. For two years of service, the NELRP will pay 60 percent of the participant's total qualifying loan balance; for three years of service, the NELRP will pay 85 percent of the participant's total qualifying loan balance. Some examples of eligible loans are: Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, Nursing Student Loans and Supplemental Loans for Students. Additional information on this program and information on types of eligible facilities can be found at the NELRP web site: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm> or by calling them toll free at 1-866-813-3753.

National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program (NHSC): *The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program* is a competitive Federal program, which awards scholarships to students pursuing primary care health professions training. The Scholarship consists of payment for tuition, fees, other reasonable educational costs, and a monthly support stipend. In return, the students agree to provide one year of service in the HPSA (Health Profession Shortage Area) of greatest need to which they are assigned for each school year or partial school year of scholarship support received, with a minimum 2-year service commitment, maximum four-year commitment. Additional information on this program can be found at the NHSC web site: <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov>.

Duke University Health System Nursing Education Loan Payment Program. The Duke University Health System provides payment of up to \$33,000 to be used to repay loans that were borrowed for educational expenses while attending the Duke University School of Nursing's Accelerated BSN Program. Students must commit and sign contract before end of first semester enrolled (fall). Payment is offered to Accelerated BSN graduates who work full-time in a Duke University Health System clinical setting for three years. The amount of the award is prorated for one and two years of full-time service. For more information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.