

The McLean Scholarship for Nursing and Physician Assistant Majors

GUIDELINES

Description & Purpose

The McLean Scholarship for Nursing or Physician Assistant Majors is provided through the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP). The McLean Contributionship established a generous endowment in 1998 to help full-time undergraduate students who are enrolled in a Nursing or Physician's Assistant program.

Amount of Award

This year the value of each scholarship will be \$2,500. There will be seven (7) scholarships awarded this year. We are hopeful that as the endowment grows in the future, we will be able to offer more scholarships and fulfill the financial needs of many well deserving students.

Qualifications for the McLean Scholarship

Each applicant must be a full time undergraduate student enrolled in a Nursing or Physician Assistant program at one of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania's member institutions, **and have at least a 3.0 grade point average.** (The Association represents 84 private colleges and universities across Pennsylvania.) Ideal candidates are campus leaders and community volunteers.

Selection Process

All applications must be postmarked no later than **Tuesday, April 29th**. Each institution is asked to select **one** application to submit to AICUP for the competition. **Please do not advise students to send their applications directly to AICUP as they will not be accepted. Please note also that unfortunately we will not be able to accept faxed nomination forms.** Along with the completed applications, students may submit a copy of their transcript, a letter of recommendation, and any other materials that they feel will be helpful to the committee in making their decision. **All applications must be signed by the student.** Only complete applications will go to the selection committee. The members of the committee will read each application and select the recipients.

Notification

We will notify each recipient by mail in June. Those applicants who were not selected will also receive notification by the end of June. We will send the check to the financial aid office at each recipient's school in mid-June along with any other funds designated to your institution. The check will include directions to apply the money to the recipient's account. Recipients should notify the school's **financial aid office** immediately if the money is not applied to their account.

Recipient Responsibility

We expect each recipient to acknowledge receipt of the scholarship to the McLean Contributionship. The contact's name and address will be included in the notification letter for sending a thank you letter for the award. Recipients should also send a copy of this letter to the Association (this is also noted in the letter). Throughout the year we plan various stewardship activities with our donors. Occasionally we try to unite the recipients of scholarships with the donors who made them possible. We ask that recipients make every effort possible to attend these gatherings. By attending these events, donors are reassured that their money was invested wisely in private higher education. It also makes a strong case for future support.

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Application (Please PRINT or TYPE)

I. General Information

Social Security Number: _____

Mr. Ms. (Please check one)

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please use CURRENT PERMANENT address to contact me in late June, early July regarding this scholarship (Including notification of winners)

Current Semester Phone: _____ Summer Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

II. Academic Information

Institution Currently Attending: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ GPA in major: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: ____/____

Please circle one: **Freshman** **Sophomore** **Junior** **Senior**

Release Authorization

I certify that to the best of my knowledge this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of information to confirm and/or verify this application, and I authorize AICUP to use a quote or sentence from my essay in any AICUP publications (such as a newsletter or donor report), understanding that AICUP will try to notify me of any such use prior to its publication.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Application Deadline is Tuesday, April 29th
(NOTE: Your college/university may have an earlier internal deadline.)

Essay Requirement

Please write a brief essay describing your college experience, including the following information in your essay:

- 1) Why did you choose your major?
- 2) What steps are you taking to insure that you succeed in your major?
- 3) What do you plan to do upon graduating and what are your academic/career goals?
- 4) Please describe the primary volunteer/extracurricular activities in which you participate
- 5) How do these activities relate to your major, and what leadership roles have you have taken on?

You may also include any additional information that you feel will be helpful in choosing you as a recipient of the McLean Scholarship for Nursing and Physician Assistant Majors (i.e. college transcript or letter of recommendation). Please read the following guidelines to use when writing your essay. These guidelines were created so that the reading of essays can be done as efficiently as possible and failure to follow these guidelines could mean that you would not be considered for the McLean Scholarship.

- 1) Limit essay to **two (2) double-spaced** pages.
- 2) You must have 1-inch margins (left, right, top & bottom).
- 3) Use a font that is easily readable and the font must be set no smaller than 11.

Completed applications should be returned to your Financial Aid office. The Financial Aid office will then select one application to submit to AICUP for the competition. If you have any questions please feel free to call Mary Maronic at (717) 232-8649, ext. 232 or e-mail maronic@aicup.org. If you would like more information about the Association, you can visit our website at www.aicup.org.

McLEAN SCHOLARSHIP - FAQ

Q. Does the student have to be a US Citizen?

A. No, the student does not have to be a US Citizen.

Q. Can the student be a freshman?

A. Yes, the student can be a freshman. However, the McLean Scholarship recipients **must** be enrolled as a Nursing or Physician Assistant major. In many cases this criterion cannot be met at the freshman level.

Q. Can the student be a graduate or first professional student?

A. No. The student must be an undergraduate student.

Q. Can the student be a part-time student or registered for only half the year?

A. No, the student must be enrolled full-time. A student who will only be registered for part of the year (e.g., one semester) is eligible as long as they will be a full-time student for that semester.

Q. Can the scholarship be held while a student is studying abroad for a semester?

A. Yes, as long as the student remains registered as a full-time student at the institution concerned.

Q. When can we expect to receive the scholarship money and to whom on campus is the money sent?

A. You can expect the money to be forwarded to your Development Office around the 3rd week of June. Please read the note below carefully.

Please Note

Your Financial Aid Office will receive the Scholarship funds in the same check as any other funds received through AICUP for your institution (such as the UPS scholarship, and any corporate or foundation gifts we receive that are designated for your institution). This check is accompanied by a letter outlining how the funds are to be designated.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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- **Who is eligible:** This scholarship is open to all full time undergraduate students attending one of AICUP's 84 institutions who are enrolled in a Nursing or Physician's Assistant program. The student must also have at least a 3.0 GPA. Candidates should also be campus leaders and community volunteers.
- **How to apply:** Application forms are available at the Financial Aid office. Return completed applications to your Financial Aid office for submission to AICUP. Please note that students should not send applications directly to AICUP- they will not be accepted.
- **Deadline to apply:** All applications must be returned to your Financial Aid office for submission to AICUP. Applications need to be postmarked no later than Tuesday, April 29th to be considered for the scholarship. NOTE: Check with your Financial Aid office for any internal deadlines you must meet.

Please see the Financial Aid Office for more details