

NLN Nursing Education Scholarship Award Rubric

Application Requirements Checklist

1. Introduction: Describe your need for support and clarity of purpose.
 - *Max. 250 words.*
2. Description of your Program of Study (i.e. dissertation, capstone, scholarly project, pilot project).
 - *Max. 250 words.*
3. Include specific outline, timeline and projected graduation date.
 - If you have completed a dissertation proposal defense or had a DNP project approved, please include defense date. If project has been IRB approved, please indicate.
 - *Max. 500 words.*
4. Describe how your study links to NLN's [mission statement and core values](#).
 - *Max 250 words*
5. Describe your goals as a nurse educator.
 - *Max. 500 words*
6. 2 Letters of recommendation
 - Must be addressed to the NLN Foundation
 - Formal letterhead (preferably one professional and one academic)
 - Letters should address:
 1. Feasibility of completion including confirmation of where applicant is in the process (I.e. IRB approval date, dissertation proposal defense, capstone project approval).
 2. How the project aligns with NLN values
 3. Potential for significant contribution to nursing education
 - *Max. 500 words per letter*
7. **Budget Narrative:** Provide an itemized budget regarding your intention to use the scholarship monies. Be sure that each line item on the budget is clearly justified.
 - *Items not allowable for scholarship monies include cost for certifications, health insurance, or registration/ travel expenses for professional development conferences. However, registration and travel to disseminate outcomes is allowable.*
8. **Bio sketch form** (available on SM Apply).

Please note that there is not a specific application template, however, each application should attempt to follow the order of the checklist and use headings indicative of these requirements. Items 1-7 must be submitted as ONE pdf file and item 8 is submitted separately as a word document. Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.

NLN Foundation Scholarship Review Rubric

Components of the rubric are not weighted.

Applicable components that are missing will receive a 0 and the component will be included in the percentage score.

RUBRIC GUIDE	Excellent = 4	Good = 3	Fair = 2	Poor = 1	0 = component not addressed
One full year completed and feasibility of completion, i.e. IRB approval for research, dissertation proposal defended, capstone project approved	Completion very feasible	Feasible	Fairly feasible	Little feasibility	Not feasible
Proposal is consistent with the NLN's core values of Caring, Integrity, Diversity & Inclusion, Excellence	Highly consistent with the goals	Consistent with the goals	Some consistency with the goals	Little consistency with the goal	No consistency
Potential for fulltime faculty position	Currently employed as academic or clinical nurse educator	Currently adjunct or part-time as academic or clinical nurse educator	Seeking position or employed as Graduate or Teaching Assistant	No clear indication of seeking role	No mention of current or future position
Potential for significant contribution to nursing education. Demonstrates contribution to nursing education with some evidence of scholarship and research agenda.	Significant potential	Somewhat significant potential	Little potential	Very little potential	No potential
Clarity of writing, i.e. jargon-free syntax	Very well written	Well written	Somewhat well written	Somewhat poorly written	Poorly written - many typos and/or grammatical errors
Clear purpose of request for funding. Narrative explanation of why they need funding and how they'll use it.	Very clear purpose	Clear Purpose	Purpose mostly clear	Purpose not clear	Purpose not included or does not meet approved use of scholarship funds
Itemized Budget, i.e. detailed breakdown of where and how award will be spent	Budget very clear/expenses detailed and well justified	Itemized but lacks detail	Some itemization	Poor budget clarity and justification	Budget not included or doesn't meet approved use of scholarship funds
Letters of recommendation support:					
1. Feasibility of completion (includes proof of approval for research, dissertation, and/or capstone project)	Yes	No			
2. Alignment with NLN core values	Yes	No			
3. Potential for significant contribution to nursing education	Yes	No			
Overall comments, i.e. strengths and weaknesses					