

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE COLLEGE OF NURSING
AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

Nursing Scholarships and Awards

Application Information

Applications for USM College of Nursing and Health Professions Nursing Scholarships and Awards are now being accepted. Minimum qualifications are:

1. A grade point average of 3.0 at the time of the application. Those who have just transferred to USM should use their GPA from their previous institution.
2. Applicant must be a degree candidate carrying at least 6 credits, Fall 2007, 6 credits, Spring 2008, or 6 credits Summer Session 2008.
3. Seniors graduating in December of 2008 may apply.

Application forms should be completed by nominees themselves in order to ensure thorough and accurate information. As selection of recipients will be based upon information submitted and other required USM information that has been verified, applicants are encouraged to give complete information. Please read instructions thoroughly. *Feel free to use additional sheets of paper.*

Please note: Students are selected for Scholarships and Awards based on the criteria outlined for each of the individual scholarships and on the qualifications above. Federal regulations which govern financial aid programs require the University to incorporate any scholarship received into the student's financial aid package. *The Scholarship Committee does look at financial need information provided by the USM Financial Aid office.*

Recognition of scholarship recipients will be given at the **College of Nursing and Health Professions Recognition Day Ceremony to be held on April 17, 2008 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Glickman Library Event Room, 7th Floor on the Portland Campus.** *May 2008 graduating seniors are not eligible for monetary awards.* Monetary awards to continuing students will be credited to their next academic period student account in the fall, by special permission for summer pending available funds or per the requirements of the individual scholarship criteria. Awards to students beginning USM studies in May 2008 will be made to student accounts when the student begins her or his academic program at USM as funds are made available or per the requirements of the individual scholarship criteria.

Application Guidelines

1. When describing activities, do not include internships or other activities which are requirements of your major.
2. Do not use abbreviations of organizations or activities as they may be confusing to application reviewers.
3. Make sure all information is accurate and is verifiable. A typed document is required.
4. ENCLOSE at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a USM faculty or staff member who knows you. (Applications without a recommendation WILL NOT be considered). The recommendation should address the applicant's academic ability, community service, or any other information or characteristics that would assist the awards committee. **It is the student's responsibility to obtain and include the letter of recommendation with the application.**

Students currently enrolled: The completed application form and recommendation **MUST** be received by **Monday, February 4, 2008 at 4:30 PM.** Submit the application to the College of Nursing and Health Professions Dean's Office on the first floor of Masterton Hall, Portland Campus.

Students beginning in May 2007: The completed application form and recommendation **MUST** be received by **Monday, April 7, 2008 at 4:30PM.** If you have never attended USM, recommendations may be from outside faculty or staff. Submit the application to Susan Taylor, Director of Administration, College of Nursing and Health Professions, 126 Masterton Hall, Portland Campus or mail to P.O. BX 9300 Portland, ME 04104. Questions should be directed to taylor@usm.maine.edu or call (207)780-4133.

Information about College of Nursing and Health Professions (CONHP) scholarships is available in the Nursing Student Handbook on the web at <http://www.usm.maine.edu/conhp>

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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Last Name _____ First Name _____
Student ID # _____ Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____
E-Mail: _____ GPA: _____
Mailing Address _____
How many semesters have you attended USM? _____
Number of USM Credits Completed _____
Do you plan to graduate? December 2008 _____ May 2009 _____ Other _____
If Undergraduate student, what year are you? _____ freshman _____ sophomore
_____ junior _____ senior
_____ Accelerated Program
If Graduate student, what year are you? _____ 1st _____ 2nd _____ RN-MS _____ Option

USM ACTIVITIES/ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES: (e.g. volunteer tutoring, active Membership in academic majors associations, volunteering in university events)
Please explain: 1.) Date of Involvement and 2.) How many hours per week you spend in this activity (approximately).

COMMUNITY SERVICE: (e.g. volunteer work for political candidates, scouting, little league, social causes, blood drives, etc.)

PERSONAL STATEMENT: (please include why this award would benefit you) You may use additional sheets of paper if needed. (Additional information needed: please identify previous experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant or current interest in Geriatric Nursing)

FACULTY/STAFF RECOMMENDER: _____

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the completion of this application, or the guidelines are not clear to you, please contact Susan Taylor (780-4133)

Please use additional sheets if necessary.

Signature and date _____

(Under FERPA guidelines, as necessary, by signing this application you grant the institution permission to share your name and other relevant academic information with scholarship donors who have funded the scholarship that you may be selected to receive)