“Achieving Excellence in Nursing Practice”

CHI St. Vincent/UALR Scholarship Program Guidelines
FY17 (July 2016 – June 2017)
Introduction

The following guidelines are for the administration of University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) Nursing Scholarship offered by CHI St. Vincent. These scholarships are part of the collaborative agreement between CHI St. Vincent and UALR.

CHI St Vincent promotes nursing excellence by providing scholarships to students pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing (BSN) or an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) through UALR. Students must be accepted into the UALR nursing program to be eligible for this scholarship. A select number of UALR Scholarships will be awarded each year for both the Fall and the Spring semesters in the amount of either $1,000 or $2,000.

Scholarship Eligibility

The scholarship applicant must be accepted into the BSN or ADN nursing program at UALR and enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits for the semester to receive the scholarship funds for the semester.

For students already enrolled in a UALR Nursing Program, a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in the UALR nursing program and a 2.8 GPA in UALR nursing classes (coded as NURS on the UALR transcript) are required for the scholarship award.

If the scholarship applicant is accepted by UALR and will begin course work in the BSN completion nursing program, the cumulative GPA from the Associate Degree Nursing program will be used for scholarship eligibility.

If the scholarship applicant is accepted by UALR and will begin course work in the ADN program, only college credits from the previous 3 years will be used to calculate the cumulative GPA for scholarship eligibility. Only college credits are counted toward the GPA.

Application Process

1. Print and submit the Scholarship Application Form below.
2. Submit the following application requirements:
   - School transcript with cumulative hours of credit and cumulative GPA. (An unofficial transcript from the school’s website is acceptable.)
   - An essay (1 page typed double spaced) describing “How excellence is reflected in my professional life and in service to the Arkansas Community”.
   - Two letters of professional reference (one from a clinical instructor or manager).

Note: prior to payment of a scholarship award, a UALR BOSS print out that includes the financial summary of the number of hours and tuition amount for the semester will be required.
Incomplete packets may exclude applicant from consideration for the scholarship award. Send the required documents to:

Robbie Hemmer, BSN, BBA
Nurse Manager of RN Residency Program
Two St. Vincent Circle
Little Rock, AR 72205

Scholarship applicants are eligible to apply for scholarships for four semesters within a two year period for the ADN program and eight semesters within a four year period for the BSN degree.

Information for CHI St. Vincent Co-Workers

A CHI St. Vincent co-worker may not be eligible for a scholarship if he/she has been on a work improvement plan or final written warning within the past 12 months.

Upon graduation, co-workers without previous professional nursing experience must apply to the RN Residency Program (RNRP). Those co-workers who have received a UALR Nursing Scholarship must submit all RNRP application requirements by the posted deadline. There is no guarantee of a specific track in the RNRP. Late applications to the RNRP may not be considered.

Selection Process

The Scholarship Selection Panel members may include:

- One Clinical Educator
- One Nurse Manager
- Nurse Manager of RN Residency Program
- Human Resources Representative

For those applicants meeting the minimum requirements, the Scholarship Selection Panel will:

- Conduct behavioral interviews with each first-time external applicant and, at the discretion of CHI St. Vincent, with applicants who have previously been awarded scholarships or are current employees.

Scholarship Award and Commitment

Scholarship applicants will be notified of the award decision. Prior to receiving the scholarship funds, the recipient must sign a Promissory Note of Commitment, an Educational Assistance Loan Agreement and a W-9 form. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment in classes and Boss Form for the scholarship semester at this time. Scholarship funds will be disbursed according to hospital guidelines.
Scholarship Recipient Commitment:

- If a scholarship recipient withdraws from the nursing program, recipient is required to repay the amount of financial assistance plus 5%.
- Recipient must sign a commitment to work at CHI St. Vincent for 12 months after completion of a BSN or an ADN, or repay the amount of assistance plus 5%.
- Recipient agrees that if recipient is a new graduate nurse, he/she must apply for acceptance into the RN Residency Program and begin the program immediately upon graduation or repay the amount of assistance plus 5%.
- If not accepted into RN Residency Program or offered employment at CHI St. Vincent, the scholarship recipient will be required to repay the amount of scholarship financial assistance plus 5%.

Please CLICK HERE for Scholarship Schedule.

Please CLICK HERE for Scholarship Application Form.
CHI ST. VINCENT/UALR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _________________________________  Date of Application _______________
(Last name, first name, middle initial)

Street Address: _______________________________

City: _____________________________ State:___________ Zip Code: ________

Phone number: ________________________

Email: ________________________________

CHI St. Vincent employee_____ yes _____no   If yes, unit is _______________

If no, currently employed by______________________________

Enrolled in UALR: Bachelors Degree in Nursing____
Associate Degree in Nursing ___

Semester for which you are requesting scholarship: Spring _____ Year______
Fall ________ Year______

Anticipated graduation date: _______________________

Are you a current or previous CHI St. Vincent/UALR scholarship recipient?  ____yes ____no

Are you receiving tuition reimbursement from your place of employment?  ____yes ____no

Checklist of documents that must accompany this completed application:

_____ Transcripts with cumulative GPA (may be an unofficial transcript)
_____ Two professional reference letters. One from an educator and, if employed, one from your manager
_____ Essay (not required if received UALR scholarship the previous semester)
_____ UALR BOSS form
CHI ST. VINCENT/UALR NURSING SCHOLARSHIP SCHEDULE

**Spring Semester 2017**
- November 28–December 16, 2016
  Applications accepted for Spring Semester 2017
- December 12-21, 2016 Interviews conducted
- January 2, 2017 Scholarship decisions communicated to applicants

**Fall Semester 2017**
- May 1-26, 2017  Applications accepted for Fall Semester 2017
- June 5-9, 2017 Interviews conducted
- June 16, 2017 Scholarship decisions communicated to applicants
- Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony