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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. Our academic programs accommodate both part-time and full-time students. Courses are usually held on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday with each class typically meeting one time per week. 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 online to the FAFSA administration through the School of Nursing's financial aid web site at <http://son3.mc.duke.edu/FinancialAid/>. Applications may also be obtained from the School of Nursing.

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 Patient Care Services Reimbursement. After one year of employment, the Duke University Tuition Assistance Program becomes available. This provides 50 percent tuition assistance during the second year of employment and 80 percent after the beginning of the third year. For students who have become Duke University Patient Care Services employees, there are added benefits after an initial probationary period. Duke University and the Department of Patient Care Services at Duke University Medical Center provide this opportunity as part of a commitment to excellence in advanced nursing preparation. For

more information, call the School of Nursing Office of Admissions and Student Services at 919-684-4248 and/or the Office of Nurse Recruitment at the Duke University Medical Center at 919-684-6339.

School of Nursing Scholarships

Two types of scholarships awarded to degree or post-master's certificate students by the Duke University School of Nursing are 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 degree 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. 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 the School of Nursing Financial Aid Officer in the Office of Admissions and Student Services 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 "pooled" to ensure student scholarships can be funded for the duration of the student's eligibility. When a student applies for a School of Nursing scholarship, he/she is applying for and is considered for all scholarships in the "pool" for which they qualify. They need not apply for a specific scholarship fund. The "pool" 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.

Ann Henshaw Gardiner Scholarship. This 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 Fund. 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.



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.

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

Marian Sanford Sealy Scholarship. This 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.

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

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

Emmy Lou Tompkins Scholarship. This 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.

Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarship. This fund 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.

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.

Laurel Chadwick Gerontological Nursing Scholarship. This fund was established 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 has served on the School of Nursing Advisory Board since 1996 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.

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

Herman and Rose Krebs Scholarship Endowment Fund. This fund was established by Ralph Snyderman, M.D., chancellor of Health Affairs at Duke University Medical Center; his wife Judith Snyderman, R.N.; Judith's mother Rose Krebs; Judith's sister Laura Krebs Gordon and brother David Krebs in honor of Judith Krebs Snyderman's mother and in memory of her father. They chose to establish this fund to support nursing students because they firmly believe that the School of Nursing is uniquely positioned to shape the future of nursing and to prepare a new generation of nursing leaders. The spendable income from the fund will be awarded to worthy students based on merit as well as financial need.

The Virginia Stone Scholarship Endowment Fund. This 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.

The Barbara Turner Scholarship Endowment Fund. This fund was established by Mr. George H. Turner, III in honor of his wife Dr. Barbara S. Turner 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.

School of Nursing's Duke Medical School Faculty Wives Scholarship Endowment Fund. 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.

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. Graduate and Professional School University Scholars are exceptional, creative, high merit students who have exhibited wide interdisciplinary interests and commitments.

They show evidence of profiting by intellectual collaboration and exchange at the very highest levels. They are good communicators who can share their specialized knowledge and challenging ideas with faculty in other fields, with fellow postgraduate scholars from across the graduate departments and professional schools, as well as with brilliant undergraduates. Graduate and Professional University Scholars will be invited to participate in seminars throughout their careers. Two advanced graduate or professional students from the program will be selected in subsequent years to serve as University Scholar Mentors. The terms vary among the departments and professional schools and will be explained in individual award letters.

In an effort to assist students with outside scholarship opportunities, the Office of Admissions and Student Services maintains a notebook that contains information on scholarship and loan repayment programs. Application and/or contact sources are available to students on request. Additional information on outside scholarships can be found at the School of Nursing's Financial Aid web site at <http://son3.mc.duke.edu/FinancialAid/>.

Traineeships

The School submits an application for traineeship grants to the US 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. Generally, traineeship funds are considered as part of the overall scholarship "pool" and eligible applicants are automatically considered for traineeship funds (scholarships). Students do not need to apply specifically for traineeship scholarship funds.

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). The student must complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and supply the Office of Admissions and Student Services with a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) which is generated from this application. The SAR is used to evaluate applicants/students for Need-based Scholarships as well as for Stafford Loan eligibility.

Federal PLUS Loans. The student does not have to demonstrate "need" for these loans.

The School of Nursing Office of Admissions and Student Services also has information on a number of outside lenders. Student eligibility is based on projected future earnings rather than on the student's current income. Payments on Stafford Loans as well as on the loans from outside lenders may be deferred until six months after graduation. Payment on PLUS loans may not be eligible for the six-month deferment.

For more information regarding loans and scholarships, contact Liz Kelly, Director of Admissions and Student Services of the School of Nursing at 919-684-4248. Information is also available at <http://son3.mc.duke.edu/FinancialAid/>.