

New Jersey State Nursing Association
Region 6
Policy on Granting Scholarship Awards

Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to New Jersey State Nurses Association members and/or New Jersey Nursing Students in order to enhance and promote completion of an educational program/degree in Nursing.

Board Guidelines:

1. Awards will be granted to nursing students enrolled in a diploma, associate, baccalaureate, masters, or doctorate program.
2. A nursing student may only receive an award one time per level of educational program.
3. The NJSNA Region 6 Treasurer will provide a financial report to the NJSNA Region 6 Executive Board. This report shall identify potential monies available for scholarship awards.
4. The NJSNA Region 6 Board of Directors will make a decision annually as to the number of scholarships and the amount of the awards taking into consideration the treasurer's report.
5. The Region 6 VP of the Institute shall serve as the Chairperson of the Region 6 Scholarship Committee. In addition to the chairperson, the NJSNA Region 6 Scholarship Committee will be composed of a minimum of three members of the NJSNA Region VI Board of Directors; a fourth member shall be available as an alternate. The President of NJSNA Region 6 shall act as an ex-officio member of the scholarship committee assisting with any policy questions that might arise.
6. It shall be the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee to review the applications and make determinations with regard to the recipients and amount of the individual awards.

7. In a case where a scholarship committee member is familiar with a candidate; the committee member will exempt themselves from making a decision on the specific candidate's application. The alternate will then be requested to assist with decisions related to the candidate's application.
8. The Scholarship Committee will make its decision on or before May 1st.
9. The scholarship recipients will be invited to the Annual Membership Meeting as the guest of Region 6.

Application Process:

1. An application for the NJSNA Region 6 Scholarship will be available on the NJSNA website or may be obtained by contacting the NJSNA Region 6 VP of the Institute. Contact information will be available on the NJSNA website.
2. Applications must be produced via a word processing program and either mailed or emailed to the NJSNA Region 6 VP for the Institute.
3. All applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson by April 1st of each year in order to receive consideration.
4. Awarding of scholarships shall be made on the basis of grade point average and the quality of the application. Financial need may be considered should the need be documented, providing all other application requirements have been met.
5. All applicants shall be notified by letter, as to whether an award has been granted, **within one week** of the decision of award recipients.
6. Scholarship awards will be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting.