



2012 McLaurin Scholarship Application

Nursing students from Central Louisiana who attend a Louisiana college or university are invited to apply for the **2012 McLaurin Memorial Nursing Scholarship**. One scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded in May 2012.

The scholarship was established in 2010 through the generosity of the McLaurin Family of Alexandria, Louisiana. Funds for the scholarship are held by the Central Louisiana Community Foundation, which will make the award directly to the institution in which the awardee is enrolled.

Application deadline is March 15, 2012.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a **McLaurin Memorial Nursing Scholarship**, applicants must satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be attending or be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program in a regionally accredited Louisiana college or university; and,
- Applicants must have been accepted into Registered Nurse Clinical Status.
- Applicants must have permanent residence in Louisiana.
- The financial need of applicants will be considered by the Scholarship Advisory Committee; however, there is no maximum income level for award recipients.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for **McLaurin Memorial Nursing Scholarship** will be accepted annually January 1 through March 15, and awarded by May 15. The Scholarship Advisory Committee may elect not to award any scholarships in a particular year if the Committee believes that an insufficient number of qualified applicants is available. The Scholarship Advisory Committee will recommend scholarship recipients to The Board of Trustees of The Central Louisiana Community Foundation for final approval.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Scholarship Advisory Committee will consider the following factors in the priority order listed in recommending applicants for **McLaurin Memorial Nursing Scholarship**.

- Prior academic performance, as reflected by grade point averages or class rank.
- Performance on standardized aptitude tests such as the SAT and/or ACT.
- Financial need.
- Personal virtues and accomplishments as reflected in an essay submitted with the application.
- Extracurricular activities, awards and recognition, special talents, and other noteworthy activities.
- Recommendations from teachers and other persons who are not related to the candidate.
- Community service.
- Work history.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Each scholarship will be awarded for a one-year period. A past scholarship recipient may receive an additional award for a period of up to one year, but must apply for renewal of his or her **McLaurin Memorial Nursing Scholarship**

To be considered for renewal of a **McLaurin Memorial Nursing Scholarship**, a candidate must have maintained at least a B average (3.0 on a 4.0 point scale) while enrolled. The Scholarship Advisory Committee will use the same criteria for awarding a renewal scholarship as apply to first-time scholarships.



Application Form

Applicant may use this or a similar form in applying.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

College or University where Enrolled: _____

High School Attended: _____ Yr. of Graduation: _____

Academic Status and Achievements: Please indicate your current academic status, such as the particular program of study in which you are enrolled, progress toward completion, cumulative grade point average, and other indicators of the level of your academic achievement. Feel free to describe your high school achievements as well. *(250 words or less. Attached sheet(s), as necessary.)*

Required Essay: Please attach a personal essay that describes why you are studying to become a nurse. For example: when did you decide to study nursing? was your decision motivated by a particular person or event? what do you hope to accomplish through nursing? *(500 words or less.)*

Attachments: Please feel free to attach transcripts, resumes, clippings, letters of recommendation or other documents to support your candidacy.

Total package should not exceed 20 pages. Complete application must be received by March 15.

Certification: By my signature, I certify to the best of my knowledge that all information contained in this application is true. My signature also indicates my willingness to be contacted at the telephone number or email address shown above to schedule a personal interview should I be chosen as a finalist.

Signature

Date

Deliver via U.S. Mail or Email to: Central Louisiana Community Foundation, Attn: McLaurin Scholarship Advisory Committee, P. O. Box 66, Alexandria, Louisiana 71309 cenlacf@clcf.net