

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF PERIANESTHESIA NURSES

Subject:	Academic Scholarship Award	E-004
Review Responsibility:	Executive Board	
Resource:	Executive Board	
Effective Date:	September 2014	
Review Due Date:	February 2020	

Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to licensed perianesthesia nurses currently enrolled in accredited academic programs leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, or Doctorate in Nursing (Ph.D., Ed.D or DNP).

Policy:

Academic scholarship applications will be available to all TAPAN members on the TAPAN website. To be considered for an academic scholarship, applicants must meet all eligibility requirements. The Executive Board will fund the Academic Scholarship annually as part of the budget for the fiscal year.

Procedure:

1. Selection Committee:
 - a. The 2nd Vice President will serve as Chair of the Selection Committee.
 - b. The Education Chair will serve as a Selection Committee member. A minimum of 2 additional active TAPAN members will be appointed by the TAPAN Board to serve on the committee.
 - c. The committee will review the scholarship applications and make recommendations to the Executive Board.
 - d. Within two weeks after following the decision of the Board, the TAPAN President shall notify the scholarship applicant(s).
2. Eligibility requirements for the academic scholarship:
 - a. Current RN licensure
 - b. Active category membership in ASPAN and TAPAN for one year prior to submitting an application
 - c. Current employment in any phase of perianesthesia nursing
 - d. Currently enrolled in an accredited academic program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing or Doctorate in Nursing (Ph.D., Ed.D. or DNP)
 - e. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4 point scale or a B average
 - f. Letters of recommendation from two nurse leaders or professors

- g. Applicant's personal statement/narrative describing career goals/reasons for pursuing an academic nursing degree. The personal statement/narrative is limited to 2 typewritten pages, 12 point font.
 - h. Professional resume/curriculum vitae
3. Application process:
- a. Applicants will submit the application with supporting documentation electronically to the TAPAN Education Chair no later than August 31.
4. Selection process:
- a. Only completed applications, including all supporting documentation will be considered. The Education Chair will distribute copies of the eligible applications to the Chair and the committee members for review.
 - b. The Selection Committee members will review each application and make their recommendations to the Executive Board.
 - c. The Selection Committee may initiate interviews with the candidates for purposes of reaching a decision.
 - c. The academic scholarship award will not exceed \$500.00 per candidate per degree.
 - d. Depending upon funding, the committee may award up to three scholarships annually.
 - e. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the recipient.
 - f. Academic scholarship awards are limited to one per applicant per academic degree.

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ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Instructions:

Candidates are directed to read TAPAN policy E-004 prior to completing this application.

1. Eligibility:

- a. Current RN licensure;
- b. Active membership in ASPAN and TAPAN for two years prior to submitting scholarship application;
- c. Employment in any phase of perianesthesia nursing;
- d. Currently enrolled in an accredited academic program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing or Doctorate in Nursing (Ph.D., Ed.D., or DNP) or graduation from an accredited program during the current TAPAN fiscal year (January 1 through December 31);
- e. GPA of 3.0 on a 4 point scale or a B average;
- f. Letters of recommendation from two nurse leaders or professors;
- g. Applicant's personal statement/narrative describing career goals/reasons for pursuing an academic nursing degree.

2. Application:

- a. Scholarship applications may be obtained from the TAPAN website.
- b. The completed application must be submitted to the TAPAN Education Chair no later than August 31. At the discretion of the Selection Committee, candidates submitting incomplete applications **may** be given an opportunity to address minor deficiencies.
- c. Applications must be completed in full and include:
 - i. Verification of current RN license [State(s) where licensed, license number]
 - ii. ASPAN/TAPAN membership number
 - iii. Proof of current enrollment in accredited nursing program (transcript/proof of GPA; a letter of acceptance to a program is not sufficient)
 - iv. Two letters of recommendation from nursing leaders/professors
 - v. Personal statement (2 pages, typewritten in 12 point font) describing career goals/reason for pursuing academic degree (if you are awarded the scholarship, this may be published in the Eyeopener.
 - vi. Proof of perianesthesia employment including employer's name and address, job title and department, date of hire (verification from the department manager/director or Human Resources is acceptable)
 - vii. Professional resume/curriculum vitae

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone(s): _____

ASPAN/TAPAN member # _____ Member since: _____ Expiration: _____

RN License # _____ State(s) _____

School of Nursing: _____

Address: _____

Degree Program: _____

Attachments:

1. Letters of recommendation from two nurse leaders/professors
2. Personal Statement
3. Professional resume/curriculum vitae
4. Transcript/Proof of GPA from nursing program
5. Verification of current perianesthesia employment
6. License verification
7. ASPAN/TAPAN membership verification

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

For Official Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Application Complete: Y / N _____