

## **Virginia Doctoral Nursing Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program**

This fund will provide loans to full-time graduate nursing students who are accepted to or enrolled in a doctoral nursing program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The purpose of this program is to increase the number of nursing faculty by providing doctoral students with financial support for doctoral study. Additionally, this program will assist Virginia nursing schools to recruit and retain new nursing faculty and enable them to increase enrollments.

These programs represent a partnership of public and private doctoral granting schools in the Commonwealth and are: George Mason University, Hampton University, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Commonwealth University. All nursing schools in the Commonwealth will benefit from this program, as upon graduation, recipients of these loans must assume faculty positions at any nursing school in the state that prepares Registered Nurses.

### **Who may apply:**

Full-time graduate students in doctoral programs in Virginia who, as a condition of accepting the loan, will agree to teach in a Virginia school of nursing that prepares students to become Registered Nurses.

### **How to apply:**

Complete and file a Doctoral Nursing Student Loan application, available at your chosen institution's website (GMU, HU, UVA, VCU) or at :

- State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), at [www.schev.edu/students/Payforcollege.asp](http://www.schev.edu/students/Payforcollege.asp).

### **When to apply:**

The application deadline has been extended from March 15 to **April 23, 2007**.

### **Purpose of the Program:**

This fund would provide loans to full-time graduate nursing students who are accepted to or enrolled in a doctoral nursing program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The purpose of this program is to increase the number of future nursing faculty by providing financial support to them. Additionally, this program will assist Virginia nursing schools in recruiting and retaining new nursing faculty to produce the additional RN graduates required in Virginia. Recipients of these loans will not have to repay them if they are employed as a faculty member at a nursing school in Virginia. Recipients will be required to give two years of service as a faculty member for every year they receive a loan.

### **Eligibility:**

Full-time doctoral nursing students in the first year of a nursing doctoral program in Virginia, or full-time students who are applying to, or have been accepted to, one of the four doctoral nursing programs in Virginia, will be eligible to apply. Students will be supported while completing doctoral coursework.

Applicants must meet all requirements for admission to the School of Nursing in which they plan to study. The School of Nursing must be committed to meeting the tuition needs of the applicant. Doctoral students who receive these loans will still be eligible to apply for other sources of funding, such as NRSA funding and teaching, research or graduate assistant positions at their sponsoring institution.

### **Award Amounts:**

Up to \$25,000 per year, for up to two years, while the doctoral student is completing course work. Each of the participating schools will support tuition and fees for students chosen for this program. Students who are completing dissertation or other capstone research are not eligible for loans.

### **Teaching Commitment:**

For each year of loan support, recipients must teach at a Virginia nursing school that prepares RNs for two years. Recipients, who do not take teaching positions at Virginia nursing programs, will be required to pay back the loan and an interest penalty of 9% of the loan. Repayment must be paid in full within two years of degree completion.

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**Application Package**

*The following items must be included in each application. Every item listed below must be in the application packet. Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

**Deadline for accepting applications is March 15, 2007.**

The application package should include **all** of the following:

1. \_\_\_ Applicant Data Sheet\*
2. \_\_\_ Two (2) References in a sealed envelope with the reference's signature across the seal. At least one reference must be from a former faculty member or teacher\*
3. \_\_\_ Two-page letter (no more than 1000 words) from applicant describing personal and professional interest in nursing and nursing education. Include in this letter:
  - what you hope to accomplish in your career
  - how the doctoral program will build on your current competencies
  - what challenges you envision while obtaining your education
  - cite leadership capabilities and describe your leadership experience
  - cite opportunities, if any, that you have had to teach within the past 2 years
  - describe your willingness to teach in Virginia
4. \_\_\_ Dean's Commitment Statement\*
5. \_\_\_ Letter of Acceptance to School of Nursing
6. \_\_\_ College Transcript
7. \_\_\_ Outline Program of Study\*
8. \_\_\_ CV

\*Indicates forms that are attached to the application.

**The complete application should be sent to:**

Maricel Quintana-Baker, Ph.D.  
Senior Associate for Academic Affairs  
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia  
101 North 14th Street, 9th Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
[MaricelQuintanaBaker@schev.edu](mailto:MaricelQuintanaBaker@schev.edu)

**Applications are due March 15, 2007, no later than 4:00 pm EST**

Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. SCHEV is not responsible for late applications. Therefore, you are advised to send this application via overnight, certified mail.
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**Applicant Data Sheet**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity (optional; check all that apply):  American Indian  Alaskan Native  Asian  
 Black or African-American  Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  Hispanic  White  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Permanent U.S. Residency: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Provide number and copy of residency card)*

School of Nursing in which you are currently enrolled or to which you have been accepted:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of acceptance to the above named school: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already begun your studies?  Yes  No

If Yes, how many credits do you currently have? \_\_\_\_\_

How many credits are you enrolled in for next semester? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about this program? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Degree being obtained:  Research (PhD, DNSc, DNS)  Practice (Doctor of Nursing Practice)

I understand that in order to qualify for Virginia Doctoral Nursing Student Loan Program, I must be enrolled as a full-time student in a PhD or DNP program. I further understand that if I cannot complete my education, then I would be responsible for paying back with interest whatever monies have been given to me at the time of my withdrawal.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE REPORT**

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**→ TO THE APPLICANT:** This section is to be typed and signed by the applicant **before** giving it to the reference for completion. References are to return completed reference forms to the applicant in a sealed envelope, with the reference's signature across the seal. References **must** accompany the applications. (*Note: Remember to allow extra time for your references to send YOU the letters with enough time to include them in the application package*).

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby waive my right to examine this reference material.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**→ TO THE REFERENCE:** The above-named applicant has listed you as a reference for a Virginia Doctoral Nursing Student Loan Assistance application. This scholarship is designed to increase the number of nurse educators needed to expand student capacity in entry-level nursing programs.

Please provide the following items:

- A brief statement (no more than 250 words) which includes how long and in what capacity you know the applicant as well your opinion of as his/her abilities and characteristics related to his/her potential for doctoral level work and as a potential nursing faculty member. Also, address his/her commitment to nursing education, scholarliness, intellectual curiosity, interpersonal skills and ability to function as a member of a community of scholars. If possible, please cite examples.
- This completed form.

**Please, return the letter and this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.**

**Reference Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEAN'S COMMITMENT STATEMENT**

**APPLICANT:**

**Note:** Schools are expected to provide tuition to loan assistance recipients.

**Dean/Director's Name:**

As Dean/Director of my institution's School of Nursing, I have committed to providing tuition

for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Name of Student Applicant**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

