



Registered Nurses'
Foundation of Ontario

2014

Awards & Scholarships





2013 RNFOO Awards and Scholarships Winners at the Gala, May 2013

The Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO) is a charitable organization that provides financial support for Registered Nurses and nursing students in Ontario to further their educational studies, conduct nursing and health care research, and support community health initiatives. Awards and Scholarships are available for study at the certificate, undergraduate and graduate levels. A few awards offer support for special projects that are not part of a specific academic program. In addition to this brochure, potential applicants should consult the **RNFOO Awards & Scholarships Eligibility Guide** to see the breadth of awards available.

The awards and scholarships administered by RNFOO are funded by contributions from individuals, estates, organizations, and corporations. A number of Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) Interest Groups support awards. This year there are 60 awards available, with a total value of more than \$90,000. We are grateful to all donors for their contributions.

THE RNFOO APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for RNFOO Awards and Scholarships must be submitted on-line through the RNFOO website: www.rnfoo.org

Mid-December 2013: application process opens. Watch the home page of the website for details.

Monday January 20th, 2014, 4pm EST: deadline for completion of the online application.

Monday February 3rd, 2014, 4pm EST: deadline for all supporting documents (transcripts, reference letters, confirmations of enrollment) to be received in the RNFOO office.

Please note that incomplete applications will not be reviewed. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents are delivered to the RNFOO office before the deadline.

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Section 1: Awards available to Nursing Students

RPN PROGRAM, POST-DIPLOMA PROGRAM, UNDERGRAD/ BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS - 4 YEAR AND/OR 2ND LEVEL ENTRY

Halton RNAO Chapter Scholarship (\$1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a baccalaureate nursing student in 3rd or 4th year of a basic program, or 2nd year of a second level entry program, to complete their degree. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standards and community service.

Jennifer Award (6 x \$2,500)

To provide opportunities to baccalaureate nursing students who are in 3rd or 4th year of a basic program or 2nd year of a second level entry program, to complete their degree. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding potential and contribution to the fields of child and family, oncological, or mental health nursing.

Margaret Avery Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a 3rd year student in a 4 year baccalaureate nursing program to complete their degree. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing with outstanding potential and/or contribution to the advancement of clinical practice, education, or research.

Margaret Myers Diabetes Clinical Practice Award – Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG) (\$1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse or graduating baccalaureate nursing student who wishes to pursue education at the graduate level OR to complete a special project focusing on diabetes. The applicant must have proof of significant interest in diabetes research, education, and care, and be currently practicing, or intending to practice, in the field. Applicants must be members of the RNAO Diabetes Nursing Interest Group. This annual award is made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Murphy/Myers family and the DNIG.

Mary Ann Murphy Memorial Diabetes Award – Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG) (\$1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse or graduating baccalaureate nursing student who wishes to pursue advanced education (certificate or degree) focusing on diabetes education/care for persons with diabetes, and who has demonstrated a significant commitment to the cause of diabetes. Applicants must be members of the RNAO Diabetes Nursing Interest Group. This annual award is made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Murphy/Myers family and the DNIG.

Regina Borowska Scholarship (10 x \$1,000)

To provide opportunities to individuals who wish to pursue nursing education at the baccalaureate level. Preference will be given to Post-Diploma RNs, RPNs, and those applicants whose professional career goals enable the recipient to contribute to the advancement of nursing.

RNFOO Undergraduate Scholarship (3 x \$1,500)

To provide opportunities to 1st or 2nd year baccalaureate nursing students who wish to complete their degree. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing and potential to make outstanding contributions to nursing.

RPNAO: RPN Program Award (\$1,000)

To provide assistance to a student enrolled in a Practical Nursing education program. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing and a patient centred approach to care. Preference will be given to a full-time student.

Sonia Varaschin Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

To provide an opportunity to an undergraduate nursing student in her/his 3rd or 4th year who has demonstrated leadership and a passion for making a difference toward healthy work environments.

Section 2:

Awards available to Nursing Students

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Dorothy Ferguson Scholarship (\$2,000)

To provide an opportunity to a nursing student who wishes to pursue a baccalaureate or graduate degree. Applicant must demonstrate outstanding leadership potential. Preference will be given to full-time students.

Toronto General Hospital, School of Nursing Alumnae Association Scholarship (4 x \$1,500)

To support nursing students or Registered Nurses pursuing education at the undergraduate or graduate level. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding potential and/or contributions to their chosen area of practice.

Section 3:

Awards available to Registered Nurses or Registered Practical Nurses

Donna Kettle Award - Ontario Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Award (OARN) (\$1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue further study in the field of rehabilitation nursing. Applicants may be in a specialty certificate program, baccalaureate or master's degree level of study. Preference will be given to those whose focus of study demonstrates a positive impact on the promotion and development of rehabilitation nursing. Applicants must be members of the OARN for a minimum of one year. Applicants can only receive this award once per degree, to a maximum of two times during their academic career.

Eileen Pyper Memorial Scholarship (\$3,500)

To provide an opportunity for an Internationally Educated Nurse enrolled in a baccalaureate program to complete their degree. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate strong clinical nursing skills.

Ernie "Aieh" Jacobs Memorial Award – Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG) (\$2,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse pursuing diverse continuing education in the area of diabetes education and care specific to type 2 diabetes within the Aboriginal population. The applicant must demonstrate a significant commitment to diabetes education and care in a community with a large Aboriginal population. First consideration will be given to nurses of Aboriginal origin. Applicants must be members of the Diabetes Nursing Interest Group of RNAO. This award is made possible through the RNAO Diabetes Nurses Interest Group (DNIG).

Evelyn Cameron Memorial Bursary – Pediatric Nurses Interest Group (PedNIG) (2 x \$1,000)

To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who wish to pursue education at the undergraduate or graduate level with a focus on pediatric nursing. Applicants must be members of PedNIG and must demonstrate commitment to advancing the practice of pediatric nursing in Ontario.

Julie Hall Scholarship for Neuroscience Nursing (2 x \$1,000)

To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who wish to pursue education at the baccalaureate, masters or doctoral level with an interest in any aspect of the broad specialty of neuroscience nursing. Applicants may be involved in any area of neuroscience across the lifespan and the continuum of care. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in neuroscience nursing and indicate how they contribute to the advancement of clinical practice, education, or research within this specialty.

Miriam Bracken Award (\$500)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue further education in perioperative nursing. Applicants may be in a CNA Perioperative Nursing Certificate program, post-graduate Operating Room Nursing program, or a post-basic baccalaureate nursing program. Membership in RNAO and the Operating Room Nurses' Association of Canada is required.

Ontario Nursing Informatics Group (ONIG) Scholarships (2 x \$1,000)

To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who wish to pursue further education in informatics at the undergraduate or graduate level. Preference will be given to members of the ONIG.

RPNAO: Post RPN Program Award (\$500)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Practical Nurse pursuing ongoing education (Continuing Education or RPN to RN Bridging Program) that will enhance patient care and patient outcomes. Applicants must demonstrate a patient centred approach to care.

Saint Elizabeth Scholarship (\$2,500)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue education at the baccalaureate or graduate level in order to pursue a career in the field of Community Nursing. Preference will be given to nurses studying at the baccalaureate level.

Section 1 Awards also available to RNs and/or RPNs:

Margaret Myers Diabetes Clinical Practice Award – Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG)

Mary Ann Murphy Memorial Diabetes Award – Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG)

Regina Borowska Scholarship

Section 4: Awards available for Graduate Level Studies

Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group (CHNIG) Educational Scholarship (2 x \$1,500)

To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who are currently working in, or intending to work in, community health nursing and are pursuing advanced education at the masters or doctoral level in a full-time or part-time capacity. The individual must have a strong academic record and be a member of CHNIG for a year or more.

Dorothy Monteith Scholarship (2 x \$2,000)

To provide opportunities for Registered Nurses who are pursuing graduate degrees in nursing with a focus on health policy, and who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential. Preference will be given to post-RN graduates. The successful applicants may be studying full-time or part-time.

Dr. Hildegard E. Peplau Award – Mental Health Nursing Interest Group (MHNIG) (\$1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue education at the masters or doctoral level in psychiatric/mental health nursing. Preference will be given to those whose focus of study includes an interpersonal perspective in nurse-client, family, peer, or community relationships. Preference will be given to members of the MHNIG.

Dr. Joan Lesmond Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who is studying at the graduate level and demonstrates that their studies are focusing on diversity in the nursing field.

Dr. Sheela Basrur and GE Oncology Nursing Education Scholarship (2 x \$2,500)

Applicants must be Registered Nurses, residing in Ontario, enrolled in or accepted for enrolment into a university graduate program with a focus on oncology, and intending to practice in Ontario following completion of their program.

Maternal Child Nurses Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Masters (\$1,000)

Applicants must be a Registered Nurse enrolled in a Master's program at a recognized university in Canada, with a course or research project/thesis in maternal/child or neonatal nursing within the hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG and not a recipient of this scholarship within the past 3 years.

Maternal Child Nurses Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Nurse Practitioner (\$1,000)

Applicants must be a Registered Nurse enrolled in a Nurse Practitioner/Primary Health Care Nursing graduate program in Canada with a focus in maternal/child or neonatal nursing within the hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG and not a recipient of this scholarship within the past 3 years.

Maternal Child Nurses Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Doctorate (\$1,000)

Applicants must be a Registered Nurse enrolled in a Doctorate program at a recognized university in Canada with a course or research project/thesis in maternal/child or neonatal nursing within the hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG and not a recipient of this scholarship within the past 3 years.

Prenatal & Parenthood Education Services Scholarship (\$2,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue education at the masters level related to the practice of nursing in perinatology in a clinical, administrative or education setting. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in perinatology and/or enrolled in a program related to perinatology.

Provincial Nurse Educators Interest Group (PNEIG) Award (2 x \$1,500)

To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who wish to pursue education at the graduate level related to the practice of nursing, nursing education or a related program. Applicants must be members of the PNEIG.

Section 5: Research Awards

Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group (CHNIG) Research Award (2 x \$1,500)

To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who are members of the Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group for a year or more and are pursuing research in community health nursing at the masters or doctoral level in an academic setting. The award can also be given to any community health nurse, who is a member of CHNIG for at least a year, who wishes to undertake research in a clinical setting.

Nursing Research Interest Group (NRIG) Award (\$1,000)

To support a graduate nursing student who is in the process of completing Master's thesis research. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of two years and have a completed research proposal. NRIG encourages the winner of the award to attend the RNFOO Gala on May 7, 2014.

Prenatal & Parenthood Education Research Award (\$1,500)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to undertake a research project related to perinatal nursing.

Provincial Nurse Educators Interest Group (PNEIG) Research Award (\$5,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who is pursuing research focused on education at the Masters or Doctoral level in an academic or clinic setting. Applicants must be members of PNEIG.

Other Awards Administered by RNFOO

INFECTION CONTROL AWARDS

SARS MEMORIAL FUND

The **SARS Memorial Fund for Infection Control Practitioners (ICP)** is a tuition/certification /professional development reimbursement program funded through proceeds of the Molson Canada SARS concert (2003) and sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care. The fund provides grants for **Infection Control Practitioners*** from any discipline to support continuing education, certification/re-certification and professional development for individual Infection Control Practitioners within their health care settings.

2014 Deadlines: Applications will be reviewed quarterly: Deadlines for submitting applications are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

** Health care professionals not currently working in designated Infection Control Positions are not eligible for awards from this fund. Please consult the criteria for the Rolling Stones/CPI Awards fund.*

THE ROLLING STONES/CPI AWARDS

The **Rolling Stones/CPI Awards** are funded from a donation representing the proceeds from the sales of a DVD produced at the time of the Rolling Stones 2003 SARS Benefit Concert in Toronto. The objective of the program is to support the advancement of professional practice in Infection Control in Ontario. As such, the fund provides scholarships and grants to **practicing health professionals from any discipline** to support continuing education, participation in conferences, projects (e.g. educational) and studies/research. RNFOO is responsible for the administration of the awards.

Candidates must demonstrate how their course of study, conference, project or research will contribute to advancing professional practice in Infection Control in their healthcare environment. A multi-disciplinary review committee will consider all applications and determine those awards to be disbursed. Individual candidates may request a one-time award up to \$2,000. Group or organizational candidates may request a one-time award up to \$5,000. In both cases, candidates must declare any other any other sources of funding for the initiative.

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