School of Nursing and Health Studies Scholarships  
Academic Year 2023-2024

The School of Nursing and Health Studies provides scholarships that reflect its mission and vision. These scholarships are funded primarily by donations, endowments and institutional resources; therefore, the availability of funding varies annually. Students who receive a scholarship award derived from donations may be asked to compose a brief letter of how the funds aided in their success. Scholarship recipients are notified via email. Funds are deposited directly into the student’s account by the Office of Financial Aid.

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Improving the Health of Diverse Communities  
Open to Graduate and Undergraduate Students  
Winter Quarter Award

**Purpose:** Provides the opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to community engagement and the health of diverse communities. Candidates who demonstrate a commitment to the LGBTQ+ community are considered for the Montana Gray Memorial Fund for an award of $500.00.

**Funds Awarded:**

- **Undergraduate Students:** Multiple awards between $500-$1,500
- **Graduate Students:** Multiple awards up to $4,000 each. If the total cost of tuition is less than the scholarship, the award will be adjusted to cover only tuition and fees. The awards do not carry over to future quarters.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Accepted to one of the following programs; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, BA in Health Studies, Master of Nursing or MS in Community Health and Social Justice. Enrolled in part-time or full-time credits for the winter quarter, and in good academic standing with the program and university (cumulative GPA of 2.0 undergraduate/cumulative GPA of 3.0 graduate).

**Selection Criteria:** Submit a narrative between 250-500 words addressing how you have engaged with the Health of Diverse & Underrepresented Communities.

**Evaluation of Submissions:**

- Evidence of involvement, participation with, or demonstrated support of an underrepresented community (evidence of commitment to the LGBTQ+ community for consideration of additional funds stated in the purpose).
- Specific examples of contribution and impact.
- Self-reflection on contributions to the community.
- Understanding of the community to specific health issues impacting the group.

**Application:** [www.uwb.edu/nhs/funding](http://www.uwb.edu/nhs/funding)

**Application Period:** October 16 to November 20, 2023.
Excellence in Education Scholarship
Open to Undergraduate and Graduate Students
Spring Quarter Award

**Purpose:** Provides the opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to the application of knowledge learned through studies to make a positive impact in practice within a professional or community setting.

**Funds Awarded:**

- **Undergraduate Students:** Multiple awards between $500-$1,500
- **Graduate Students:** Multiple awards up to $5,000 each (award amounts finalized early in September). If the total cost of tuition is less than the scholarship, the award will be adjusted to cover only tuition and fees. The awards do not carry over to future quarters.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Accepted to one of the following programs; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, BA in Health Studies, Master of Nursing or MS in Community Health and Social Justice. Enrolled in part-time or full-time credits for the winter quarter, and in good academic standing with the program and university (cumulative GPA of 2.0 undergraduate/cumulative GPA of 3.0 graduate).

**Selection Criteria:** Submit a narrative between 250-500 words, describing how you have applied knowledge gained from your program to create positive change that reflects the School of Nursing & Health Studies Mission.

**Evaluation of Submissions:**

- Provides 1-2 examples of how course content was used or will be used, to implement positive change in a professional or community setting. This can be a theoretical concept, class project, CBLR or COIL assignment, fieldwork, etc. (include course title).
- The positive change contributed to one or more of the following which reflects the School’s Mission:
  - Progress towards social equity
  - Change in health policy
  - Work in health advocacy
  - Developing community partnerships and/or engagement
  - Improved health literacy
  - Local to global practice
  - Created and/or improved inclusive health processes and outcomes
  - Engaged in an effort to apply learning to practice

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**Application Period:** January 8 to February 12, 2024.

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