

**Polk County
Advanced Practice Nurses Association (PCAPNA)
Annual Scholarship**

PCAPNA offers two scholarships annually, in the amount of \$500 each, to a currently licensed RN who is pursuing an advanced practice role (Master's level or higher). Applicants must be student members of PCAPNA. The applicant should have already received acceptance to a degree program. The scholarship is awarded in late summer, in anticipation of use for the upcoming school year.

Applications must be received by June 30th of each year, must be accompanied by supporting documents, and will include a brief interview by a Scholarship Committee. Following receipt of documents, the applicant will be contacted to schedule an interview. The interview will include discussion of the essay and other pertinent topics, such as clinical interests and community service activities. After evaluation of all candidates, the committee will present their recommendations to the PCAPNA membership. Scholarship recipients will be notified by August 15th. Monies will be paid directly to the educational institution. Students may be asked to share their educational experience with the membership.

Required Documentation:

To be submitted as a complete packet only.

- Application form
- Two letters of reference, one personal and one academic/professional
- CV/Resume, including documentation of career development and leadership activities
- An essay, no longer than three typed, double spaced pages, to include the following;
 - How will furthering your education benefit patients and the practice of nursing?
 - What are your career goals and how will this scholarship help attain them?
 - If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, how will you “pay this forward”?
 - Has anything held you back from furthering your education? What challenges will you face in completing an advanced degree? How will you have to alter your current schedule/routine in order to complete your education?

Please submit completed hard copy application to:

PCAPNA Scholarship Committee PO Box 93055 Lakeland, Fl 33804-3055
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