ATTENTION NURSING STUDENTS

The Mid-State Black Nurses Association (MSBNA) is again offering Scholarships to all eligible Nursing Students.

Attached is information regarding the organization’s history, the purpose, and criteria for the scholarship and a description of the process.

To qualify you must have a G.P.A. of 3.0 in Nursing. You must also complete the enclosed application clearly and legibly and return it to:

Mid-State Black Nurses' Association of New Jersey
1323 Amherst Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
c/o Yolanda Jackson
https://msbna.nursingnetwork.com

All applications must be received by the Deadline – October 15, 2016
MID-STATE NEW JERSEY BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

History

On December 12, 1996, a group of nurses employed at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, met at a diner in Gillette, NJ out of concern for changes occurring in that facility and in the health care arena. The meeting was to discuss common concerns as they related to their work environment, their impact on the patient care setting and the professional growth of minority nurses in the Mid-State New Jersey area. The group recognized the need to develop a forum and mechanism to have ongoing communication and formulate common goals that would address their concerns. These primarily centered on ensuring that quality nursing care was provided for the minority population at large in all health care settings. As a preliminary, officers were elected and two members were designated to recruit other interested members. The group agreed to have a follow up meeting in four weeks. They have continued to meet once a month ever since. In 1998, the group became chartered as Chapter 90 of the National Black Nurses Association.

Purpose
The MSBNA Scholarships are afforded to Nursing Students who have a history of academic achievement, leadership, and community service. The scholarships also recognize financial need.

The scholarship applicant who has excelled in the above categories of academic achievement, leadership and community service will receive the:

ZOLA MAE JOHNSON-SURRATT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.
This special recognition is in honor of Mrs. Surratt, who was one of our founding members who passed away on September 20, 2007. Mrs. Surratt received her BSN from Tuskegee University and her MSN from Rutgers University. Her nursing career spanned thirty-seven years with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Medical Centers in Wisconsin and New Jersey. At the New Jersey VA Medical Center in Lyons, NJ, she worked as a Head Nurse, Educator, and Clinical Specialist. She was also an advisor and mentor to numerous nursing students enrolled in the nursing upward mobility program at the Lyons Campus. Due to her mentorship and coaching she helped to increase the number of African American Registered Nurses within the VA Medical Center. In 1998, Mrs. Surratt was elected as president of the Mid State Black Nurses Association. When she vacated the position of president after serving two terms, she served as our Historian.

On December 1, 2007, the first “Zola Mae Johnson-Surratt Scholarship” was presented.
Criteria

Applicants for the scholarship must:

- Be enrolled in an accredited Program of Nursing
- Demonstrate academic achievement with a minimum cumulative G.P.A. OF 3.0 in a nursing curriculum
- Demonstrate leadership ability and community service
- Provide an official transcript. Your application will not be considered if you do not submit an official transcript.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a nursing faculty member at the school you’re attending.
- Submit a completed application by October 15, 2016.

Number and Amount of Awards
The number and amount of awards varies depending on available funds.

Selection Process
The scholarship committee will make the final selection(s).

Please read and sign:
An expectation of the organization is that any recipient of the MSBNA Scholarship will be present at the scholarship event to be held on November 5, 2016, at The Bridgewater Manor in Bridgewater, NJ, from 7:30pm –11:30pm. A complimentary invitation will be given to each scholarship recipient.

I am willing to appear for a personal interview as a requirement for consideration for this scholarship if required.

I have requested an OFFICIAL transcript as required.

Date____/____/_______ Signature_______________________________________
MID-STATE NEW JERSEY BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please type)

Name

Date of Application ____________________  Date of Birth ____________________

Current Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: ___________________  State: _____________  Zip Code: _______________

Telephone Number: Daytime: ____________________  Evening: ____________________

E-mail Address: ______________________________ Marital Status ____________________

Employed: Yes  No  If yes:

Company

Name ______________________________ Address: ______________

_______________________________  Zip Code: ______________

Type of Nursing Program: (Please Check)

LPN:  Yes  No  Diploma: ______  Associate Degree: ______  Bachelors: ______

Current School of Nursing _____________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: ____________________

Classification/Yr. In school: ____________________

Expected Date of Graduation:

Honors/Awards received____________________________________________________

Membership in Nursing/Community Organization____________________________
ESSAY

Submit a one-two paged typed 12 point font, 1” margins, and a double spaced essay addressing the following:

1. Describe your leadership roles and community service involvement. (ex. Community and school projects, organizational efforts, activities impacting on the health and social condition of African Americans and other culturally diverse groups, state level student nurse activities and faith based activities).

2. What are your ideas of how you (as a nurse) would impact upon improving the health status and or social condition of African Americans?

3. Lastly, provide a statement about your future goals in nursing.
Attach pages if necessary