



COLLEGE LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Purpose Statement:

This scholarship is to support the educational and professional goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. It is awarded to an individual who is currently enrolled in, accepted to or applying to a registered nurse program; **and** who has a permanent address or is attending school in Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Kitsap, Grays Harbor, Jefferson or Clallam Counties. Students are eligible to receive a RONA scholarship award once every other year.

Application Deadline & Scholarship Award: **February 28, 2026**

Application must be postmarked by **February 28, 2026** or emailed by midnight to scholarships@rainierolympicnurses.org.

Mail applications to: **Rainier Olympic Nurses Association—Scholarship Committee**
4115 Bridgeport Way W Suite F
University Place, WA 98466

Required Materials:

- Completed Rainier Olympic Nurses Association scholarship application form.
- Two recommendations. Must use the online form available at www.RainierOlympicNurses.org. The first one should be from someone who knows you at school such as a school counselor or a teacher. The second should be from someone who knows your character such as a pastor, family friend, youth group leader, or a volunteer/work supervisor but **not a family member**.
- Documentation of your current cumulative grade point average (**an unofficial transcript is acceptable.**) Also provide transcripts for all nursing and prerequisite classes)
- Essay, **not more than two pages long**, covering the following areas:
 - A) Personal Statement — Share with us the story of why you want to be a Nurse. Tell us how your personal story will help you serve our community as a nurse. Describe special or unusual life experiences or activities that have made an impact on your decision to pursue a career in nursing. Describe hardships you've encountered.
 - B) Work/Volunteer Experience — Describe your volunteer/work experience in school, work, or community activities, include any healthcare related certifications such as CNA, EMT, etc and participation in healthcare related activities such as military experience, Nurse Camp/Mash, HOSA or medical explorers and/or student nurse clubs. Include any leadership roles.
 - Tell us how you give back to your community.
 - For work and volunteering not healthcare related, please describe how those experiences may relate to your work as a nurse. Include any leadership roles.
 - C) Goals for Nursing. Please outline your education and career goals and projected time to complete those goals.
 - 1) Education goals
 - 2) Short term & Long term goals for your nursing career
 - 3) Nurses serve diverse populations in a broad spectrum of environments.
 - Please include what areas and/or populations you hope to work with.
 - 4) Describe projected barriers/issues/challenges/obstacles to meeting your goals and how you plan to overcome them.

If awarded a scholarship, attendance at our Nurses Month Event on Saturday, May 16, 2026 is strongly desired. If awarded a scholarship, please be prepared to provide a photo of yourself for publication online and in our Fall newsletter. We also encourage recipients to volunteer with Rainier Olympic Nurses Association.



(For office use only)
Date received at RONA Office:

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Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Gender/Pronouns _____

(Not required—for Information use only)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

In the event of a scholarship award, I agree to allow Rainier Olympic Nurses Association to reprint in print & online my name, biographic information and photographic image: Yes No **(check one)**

Eligibility Check List (Check all that apply):

- Currently enrolled in or accepted into a nursing school.
- Has a permanent address or is enrolled in a school in Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Jefferson or Clallam Counties. Specify County: _____
- Minimum of a 2.5 **cumulative** GPA (include unofficial transcripts for all nursing and pre-requisite classes)
- Did not receive a R.O.N.A. scholarship in 2025

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic performance, experience within healthcare environments, passion for a career in nursing, community involvement and career goals. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make certain a complete application, including completed recommendations on RONA forms, is postmarked/submitted by February 28, 2026.

Incomplete applications or applications postmarked/submitted after February 28, 2026 will not be considered.

Academic Standing:

School you are currently attending: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ College/University that you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Anticipated start date: _____

***To receive the award, applicant must be accepted to or enrolled in a 2 year or 4 year accredited college or university.**

Do you have a current or past PCNA/RONA member in your family? Yes No Name of Family Member _____

Race/Ethnicity: (Not required—for Information use only) _____ First Generation Student? Yes No

Names of individuals completing recommendation forms for you: _____

(We'll use this to help track forms that arrive separately. It is your responsibility to ensure recommendations on the correct form are submitted before the deadline)

If awarded a scholarship, **funds will be mailed directly to the program in June for the 2026/27 school year.** Please verify your program's mailing address and the contact person. If awarded, I designate this scholarship to be sent to the following college or university:

Name and Address of College/University (to which scholarship funds will be mailed):

Contact Person & Phone Number:

Student ID # _____