



Georgia Nurses Association and Georgia Nurses Foundation Scholarship Application

Kathryn Suggs Chance Leonard Scholarship awarded by the Georgia Nurses Foundation

Kathryn Suggs Chance Leonard was the youngest person to serve as President of GNA. Diagnosed at age 16 with Lupus, Kathryn decided she had a lot of living to pack into the time allotted to her...and live she did. Kathryn used the news of her diagnosis to begin, what would be for her, the lifelong practice of converting life's obstacles and barriers into a wide range of opportunities.

Always a forward thinker, Kathryn worked in a variety of nursing settings. She obtained her doctorate in nursing, married and had a daughter, and completed her professional career as Director of Graduate Programs at Georgia State University School of Nursing. Kathryn consistently advocated for the advancement of nurses and nursing. Through her roles as teacher, advocate, leader and colleague, she had a profound and lasting impact on the nursing profession as a whole. Dr. Chance (Leonard) was in every sense of the word, a truly remarkable woman.

The Kathryn Suggs Chance Leonard Scholarship will be awarded to men or women entering or already active in the profession of nursing who are enrolled in a school of nursing in Georgia. Successful candidates will demonstrate the same integrity, courage and vision that Dr. Chance (Leonard) exhibited in overcoming life's obstacles and barriers. The scholarship will be administered through the Georgia Nurses Foundation.

This award will be given to a student who is seeking a Master's or Doctoral degree in Nursing. GNA and GNF Board members are *not* eligible to apply.

All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Currently enrolled in an accredited Master's or Doctoral program in nursing in the state of Georgia
 - Provide a letter from the nursing program Director/Dean verifying the program is accredited
- Resident of Georgia
 - Provide verification of Georgia residency (i.e., photocopy of Georgia Driver's License)
- GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale in prior nursing education
 - Provide official transcripts of previous academic work and standing related to nursing
- If a non-RN, must have completed at least one semester of nursing clinical
- Provide two letters of recommendation from professional references using designated form

Priority will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Plans to practice professional nursing in Georgia following graduation
- Member of respective professional organization (e.g., Georgia Association of Nursing Students, National Student Nurses Association, Georgia Nurses Association)
 - Provide verification of membership (e.g., copy of membership card[s])

Application deadline:

Application and supporting documents must be submitted no later than **10:00 pm on June 15th, in odd years only.**



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Selection process:

Selection will be based upon compliance with basic eligibility requirements set forth by the Georgia Nurses Foundation and Georgia Nurses Association. Applicants will be selected by the Scholarship Committee. Award recipients will be honored at the Georgia Nurses Association Biennial Membership Assembly.

Fund distribution:

Upon verification of selection by the Scholarship Committee, recipients will be notified by letter, and a check for the scholarship amount will be issued to the recipient. Recipients will be awarded a minimum amount of \$500.



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GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS APPLICATION

Katheryn Suggs Chance Leonard Scholarship

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

(City) (State) (ZIP)

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

How long have you lived in Georgia? _____

Permanent address (if different from current): _____

(City) (State) (ZIP)

Email address: _____

Name and address of college or university in which you are enrolled and the year for which you are seeking scholarship:

Name of school: _____.

Address: _____.

Placement Year: _____ Type of Program (select one): Master's Doctoral

Expected date of completion: _____ Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____

Where do you plan to practice professional nursing? _____



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Procedure for Application Process:

1. Download the application from the GNA website and complete the application *electronically*. Email the application, along with the items listed below (as attachments to the email) to scholarship@georgianurses.org by **10:00 pm on June 15th (odd years only)**.

- Verification of enrollment in an accredited Georgia nursing program
- Verification from nursing program Dean/Director of program's accreditation
- Verification of Georgia residency (photocopy of Georgia Driver's License)
- Verification of Registered Nurse licensure (photocopy of current RN license) (if applicable)
- Verification of professional organization membership (copy of membership card[s])

2. Request all applicable schools/colleges/universities to send official transcripts of previous academic work and standing related to nursing via one of the following methods:

Email: scholarship@georgianurses.org

Mail: Georgia Nurses Association/Georgia Nurses Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
3032 Briarcliff Road, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329-2655

All transcripts must be received in the GNA/GNF office by **10:00 pm on June 15th (odd years only)**.

3. Download the "Letter of Recommendation" form from the GNA website. Electronically complete the top portion of the form by typing in your name and indicating the scholarship you are applying for. Then email the form to **two** *professional* references, ask them to electronically complete the form and to then email it directly to GNA/GNF at scholarship@georgianurses.org by **10:00 pm on June 15th (odd years only)**.