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**NBNA Announces 2021 Scholarship Program Awardees for
Virtual 49th Annual Institute and Conference to be held on August 4-8, 2021**
#NBNACelebrates50Years

SILVER SPRING, MD, (July 29, 2021) - The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is honored to announce the 2021 Scholarship Program award recipients. The Scholarships and Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 7, 2021, 2-4 p.m. Eastern during the virtual 49th Annual Institute and Conference and 50th Anniversary Celebration, August 4-8, 2021.



Expecting more than 500 nurses and nursing students to attend the conference, registration continues. To register for the virtual conference, members and nonmembers should go [here](#). More information about the conference and detailed agenda is located at <https://www.nbna.org/conf>. The theme of this year's conference is "Celebrating 50 Years of Innovative Community Service, Practice, Education, and Research in Nursing."

"We are pleased to award these NBNA scholarships. Providing financial support to invest in our next generation of nurses is an important part of our mission since NBNA was founded 50 years ago," said Dr. Sheldon Fields, Chair, NBNA Scholarships and Awards Committee. "They are our future and investing in their education is essential." "The pandemic has really taught the world how valuable health care workers and nurses are to our communities and we're ecstatic to support these students who have realized their calling for such a vital and in-demand industry," stated Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA CEO and President. "With the support of our generous partners, it's extremely gratifying to support these particular students in such a direct way." Forty-three scholars were awarded scholarships and grants totaling \$172,000. "This is a new record", said Dr. Dawson.

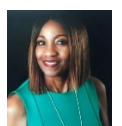
2021 NBNA Scholarship Program Awards Recipients

DR. LAURANNE SAMS SCHOLARSHIP - (4 \$1,000 Scholarships)

The Dr. Lauranne Sams Scholarship is awarded to a qualified NBNA member based on scholastic achievement, financial need, and community service and who is in pursuit of a baccalaureate or other advanced nursing degree. The scholarship, which is named for the Founder and First President of the NBNA, has a proud and distinguished legacy. **The recipient must be an individual who truly represents the leadership, the commitment to service and the scholarship of Dr. Sams.**



Constance M. Payne, MBA, MSN, HCM
Graceland University
School of Nursing
Florissant, MO
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis



Johnnie Mae Lovelace, RN
Georgia Southern University
School of Nursing
Statesboro, GA
Atlanta Black Nurses Association



Jessica Addai, MSN, RN, CCRN
 Millikin University
 School of Nursing
 Decatur, IL
 Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis



Mary E. Starks, BS, RN, CNOR
 University of Rochester
 School of Nursing
 Rochester, NY
 Rochester Black Nurses Association

NBNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500

To support a qualified NBNA member in pursuit of a **baccalaureate or advanced nursing degree.**



Nyomi C. Gibson
 Molloy College
 Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing
 & Health Sciences
 Rockville Centre, NY
 Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

LYNNE EDWARDS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP - \$27,000 (5 \$5000; 1 \$2000)

The scholarship is sponsored by Dr. Linda Burnes-Bolton, NBNA Past President. Dr. Burnes-Bolton *is a trustee of* the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Foundation contributes to the scholarship as part of the matching gift program. The scholarship is in honor of the mother of Dr. Burnes-Bolton, Mrs. Lynne Edwards. **The scholarship is for a nurse pursuing a PhD. The candidate must be able to attend the NBNA Conference.**



Florence U. Johnson, RN, MSN, MHA
 University of Michigan
 School of Nursing
 Ann Arbor, MI
 Northern Connecticut Black Nurses Association



Patty L. Palmer, MSN, RN
 University of Maryland Baltimore
 Graduate School
 Baltimore, MD
 Atlanta Black Nurses Association



Gladys G. Amerson, MEd, MSHI, BSN, RN-BC, RRT
 The University of Alabama
 Instructional Leadership for Nurse Educators
 Tuscaloosa, AL
 Birmingham Black Nurses Association



Vanessa M. Arline, MSN/Ed, RN, MSRN-BC
 Capella University
 School of Nursing & Health Professions
 Minneapolis, MN
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



Kendrick T. Clack, MS, APRN, FNP-C, AAHIVS
 Texas Woman's University
 College of Nursing
 Houston, TX
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



Nia Malika Martin, MSN-Ed, RN
 Loma Linda University
 School of Nursing
 Loma Linda, CA
 Greater Inland Empire Black Nurses Association

GERONTOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500

The Gerontology Scholarship of \$1500 is sponsored by Peggy Burhenn a graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Nursing, and a clinical nurse specialist with a specialty in geriatric oncology. **The scholarship is for a candidate pursuing a BSN with an interest in a career in geriatrics.**



Shania F. Antoine-Gill
 University of St. Thomas-Houston
 Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing
 Houston, TX
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

NURSETHINK.COM SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000 (2 \$1,000 Scholarships)

NurseThink.com is offering two \$1000 scholarships to students who meet the following criteria:

1. NBNA member **going back to school or who plans to be on faculty in a school of nursing**
2. NBNA member going to become **an LPN/LVN or RN (pre-licensure)**



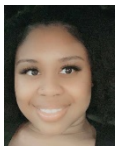
India S. Wilson
 St. Louis Community College
 Florissant Valley, Nursing
 St. Louis, MO
 Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis



Jarris L. Coles
 Roxborough Memorial Hospital
 School of Nursing
 Philadelphia, PA
 Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Black Nurses Association

MRS. OLA LOFTON SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000

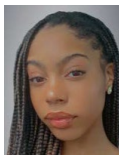
The Mrs. Ola Lofton Scholarship is given in memory of the 95 years old World War II nurse who passed away on January 6, 2019. **The scholarship will be given to a nursing student pursuing a BSN.** The scholarship is sponsored by Sandra Evers-Manly, CEO, Black Hollywood Education and Research Center.



Daaima Jahaan Dorsey
 Chamberlain University
 College of Nursing
 Pearland, TX
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

FIGS NURSING GRANT - \$45,000 (3 \$15,000 grants)

FIGS is sponsoring 3 grants to nursing students pursuing a **BSN degree or higher.**



Jaden Petrus
 Howard University
 College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences
 Washington, DC
 Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington DC Area



Tanisha Leonard, RN
 Chamberlain University
 School of Nursing
 Chicago, IL
 Birmingham Black Nurses Association



Tonika Bruce, MSN, RN
Nova Southeastern University
Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing
Tampa, FL
Wichita Black Nurses Association

BAND-AID® BRAND Black Healthcare Heroes in Nursing Scholarship - \$50,000 (5 \$10,000 scholarships)

BAND-AID® is sponsoring 5 grants to nursing students pursuing a **BSN degree or higher**.

For more than 100 years, BAND-AID® Brand has developed innovative healing solutions and supported those who are putting care into the world. Through the BAND-AID® Brand Black Healthcare Heroes in Nursing Scholarship, the brand is strengthening its commitment to elevating Black healthcare professionals with the goal of increasing representation and contributing to more equity in the nursing profession.



Kamiya C. Shosan
University of South Carolina
College of Nursing
Columbia, SC
Midlands of South Carolina Black Nurses Association



Ebonie Marie Fuller
North Carolina A&T State University
School of Nursing
Greensboro, NC
Central Carolina Black Nurses Council



Maya Marie Tureaud
Duke University
School of Nursing
Durham, NC
Central Carolina Black Nurses Council



Massa S. Sammah, BS
MGH Institute of Health Professions
School of Nursing
Boston, MA
New England Regional Black Nurses Association



Nkeiru Adoga, RN, MPH, PCCN
Minnesota State University
School of Nursing
Mankato, MN
Minnesota Black Nurses Association

OPHELIA LONG SCHOLARSHIP - \$6,000 (3 \$2,000 Scholarships)

The Ophelia Long Scholarship is in memory of Ophelia Long, the 4th NBNA President. The scholarship is funded by Dr. Louis Sullivan, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Dr. Linda Burnes Bolton, NBNA Past President.



Candice R. Shingles
Chamberlain University
College of Nursing
Irving, TX
Metroplex Black Nurses Association



Saunjii J. Jacobs, RN, BSN, IBCLC
 Thomas Jefferson University
 Women's Health Gender Related Nurse Practitioner Program
 Philadelphia, PA
 South Jersey Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association



Christian D. Garrett, MSN-Ed, APRN, FNP-C
 The University of Texas at Tyler
 College of Nursing and Health Sciences
 Tyler, TX
 Greater East Texas Black Nurse Association

CHEROKEE UNIFORMS X NBNA NURSING SCHOLARSHIP - \$11,000 (4 \$2750 Scholarships)

The scholarship is sponsored by [Careismatic Brands](#), the designer, manufacturer, and distributor of nurses' favorite scrubs brands, including Cherokee Uniforms, Dickies, Infinity, HeartSoul, and ScrubStar. Led by the American Nurses Association's 2020 Champion of Nursing Award recipient, Mike Singer, Careismatic and its people serve, understand, and champion the people in uniform who serve and care for others.



Myiesha Peters, RN
 Louisiana State University Health Science Center
 School of Nursing
 New Orleans, LA
 New Orleans Black Nurses Association



Kaydra Scott
 University of St. Thomas
 School of Nursing
 Houston, TX
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



Larissa S. Richard
 The Pennsylvania State University
 College of Nursing
 University Park, PA
 Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



Imani A. Green
 Albany State University
 Department of Nursing
 Albany, GA
 Atlanta Black Nurses Association

MARGARET PEMBERTON SCHOLARSHIP - \$3,000

The Scholarship is provided by Margaret Pemberton, Member, Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area, to a nursing student from the chapter in the conference's host city. This is an endowed scholarship.



Jamesia E. Fransaw, BSN, RN
 University of St. Thomas
 Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing
 Houston, TX
 Black Nurses Association of Greater Houston

VITAS HEALTHCARE / ESTHER COLLIFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

The scholarship is sponsored by VITAS Healthcare to a nurse or student nurse who is **interested in pursuing a career in end-of-life care.**



Jessie T. Rivers, MSN, RN
Aspen University
School of Nursing and Health Sciences
Denver, CO
Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area

Maria A. Dudley Advanced Practice Scholarship - \$1,000

The scholarship is provided by Maria A. Dudley to a nurse pursuing a degree as an advanced practice nurse.



Bryanna Unique Patterson, BSN, RN
University of Rochester
School of Nursing
Rochester, NY
Rochester Black Nurses Association

GEORGE E. MCGUIRE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$5,000

The George McGuire Memorial Scholarship for a nursing student whose focus is **social justice**. The candidate must be a nursing doctoral student or a nursing student in a master's program of study. The candidate must be a NBNA member for at least two years; must have completed at least one full semester/quarter in a graduate program; and must have at least one full semester/quarter to go to complete the program of study. This is an endowed scholarship.



Kendra T. Greene, MSN, MHA/HCM, CCM, RN
University of Phoenix
Doctor of Health Administration Program
Atlanta, GA
Atlanta Black Nurses Association

DR. MARTHA A. DAWSON GENESIS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

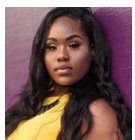
The Scholarship is provided by Dr. Martha A. Dawson, Member, Birmingham Black Nurses Association. The Law of Legacy states, "True success is measured by succession." This scholarship is to support nurse leaders to continue their growth and development through formal education at the master's and/or doctorate levels. **Candidate may be an RN seeking master's, DNP, PhD in leadership or EdD who are pursuing a role in leadership or administration.**



Tjwana Dennis, MSN, RN, CWOCN
Thomas Edison State University
W. Carey Edwards School of Nursing
Trenton, NJ
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

DR. LOLA DENISE JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

This scholarship is funded by Lola Denise Jefferson to support a **generic BSN student** who is pursuing a nursing degree right out of high school. The scholarship is sponsored by NBNA former First Vice President, Lola Denise Jefferson.



Trinity M. Cojoe
Prairie View A&M University
College of Nursing
Houston, TX
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

DR. DAISY HARMON-ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000

The scholarship is provided by Daisy Harmon-Allen, PhD, RN, the 13th President of the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association. The scholarship is in memory of her mother, Mrs. Bonnie Harmon who was an elementary school teacher in Sallis, Mississippi. **The scholarship is awarded to an ADN nursing student.**



Samuel K. Farinloye
Holyoke Community College
Holyoke, MA
Western Massachusetts Black Nurses Association

DR. PATRICIA MCMANUS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

This scholarship is provided by Dr. Millicent Gorham, Executive Director, National Black Nurses Association, in recognition of the work of Dr. Patricia McManus as a public health activist...advocating for communities of color around health access and health equity.

The scholarship is awarded to a **nursing student pursuing a master's degree.**



Crystal Marie Bailey, BSN, RN
United States University
Nursing Department
San Diego, CA
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis

DR. MILLICENT GORHAM SCHOLARSHIP - \$4,000 (2 at \$2,000)

This scholarship is provided by Sandra Evers-Manly, CEO, Black Hollywood Education and Resources Center, in recognition of the work of Dr. Millicent Gorham, Executive Director, National Black Nurses Association. The scholarship is awarded to a **BSN nursing student.**



Brandon Marquis Whitman
Chamberlain University
Nursing Department
Houston, TX
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



Danielle Terry
Lincoln University
School of Nursing
Lincoln University, PA
Concerned Black Nurses of Central New Jersey

DR. ERIC J. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

This scholarship is provided by Sandra Evers-Manly, CEO, Black Hollywood Education and Resources Center, in honor of Dr. Eric J. Williams, the first male president of the National Black Nurses Association. The scholarship is awarded to a **generic ADN or BSN nursing student.**



Maria Antonia Rupp
St. Louis Community College
Forest Park Nursing
St. Louis, MO
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis

JAYHAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

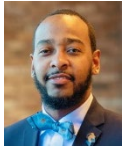
The JayHal Foundation Scholarship is provided on behalf of Reverend Deidre Walton, Past NBNA President. The scholarship is provided to a **generic associate degree or BSN student** who has at least one year left to graduate; shows evidence of community service; and, has a GPA of 2.7 or above.



Nyia Young, LVN
Tyler Junior College
School of Nursing
Tyler, TX
Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association

NBNA SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

This scholarship is in the memory of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd and all men and women of color who have died because of racism.



Jose Perpignan, BA, BS, RN
University of Rochester
School of Nursing
Rochester, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

To read more information about the NBNA Scholarship Program, visit [here](#).

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About the National Black Nurses Association

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is a professional organization representing 308,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 108 chapters and 34 states. The NBNA mission is “to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health.” NBNA chapters offer voluntary hours providing health education and screenings to community residents in collaboration with community-based partners, including faith-based organizations, civic, fraternal, hospitals, and schools of nursing. For more information, visit nbna.org. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)! #NBNAresilient, #NBNAcelebrates50Years, #NBNAconference21

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