

Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing

**Educational Scholarship
Award Program**



**APPLICATION FORM
For MOLN Members and
RN Students**

2024 Deadline: September 20

any nominations submitted online after September, will not be considered.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide financial assistance to:

- Members of the Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing (MOLN), **MOLN Member Applicants**, for continuation of formal education which will advance their leadership skills and expertise.
- MOLN student members, **MOLN Student Applicants**, completing their RN basic nursing education (MOLN will award a scholarship to a student in an undergraduate RN program).

Offering educational scholarships demonstrates commitment to our MOLN goals. Scholarship funds are raised during the Spring Conference Silent Auction and the Fall Conference. The educational scholarship program is administered by the Research & Scholarship Committee and scholarship awards are distributed at the MOLN Fall Conference.

Eligibility Criteria

MOLN Member Applicants must:

- Be a current MOLN Member in good standing for a minimum of six months prior to submitting an application for a scholarship. Award amounts vary depending on the applicant's years of membership and Association involvement.
 1. Member for less than 12 months – eligible for \$500
 2. Member for 1 year or more – eligible for \$1,000
 3. Member for 1 year or more plus active membership on at least one organizational committee – eligible for \$1,500
- Be currently enrolled or have proof of enrollment in a relevant bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree program.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent grade point average in current academic work.
- Have demonstrated support of MOLN mission, vision, and values.
- Have submitted 2 letters of reference:
 1. From a member of MOLN (non-family member).
 2. From a nursing faculty, nursing director, or dean of nursing regarding the applicant's leadership.

MOLN Student Applicants must:

- Hold a current voting MOLN membership for a minimum of one year prior to making application for the scholarship.
- Be admitted to an accredited undergraduate RN nursing program.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in required courses for graduation from the selected nursing program.

Notification

Applicants will be notified by the second week of October. Names of recipients, their place of employment, and the academic institution they are attending will be published in the MOLN newsletter and on the MOLN website. Recipients will be honored and awarded the scholarship funds at the MOLN Annual Fall Conference.

Process

There are four parts to the application process:

- *All parts must be submitted together* using the online submission process by **September 20** to be reviewed by MOLN to verify eligibility and completeness.
- Only completed applications that meet the eligibility criteria will be reviewed. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all required supporting documents are uploaded when submitting the application online.

1. **Application** (online submission form)
2. **Two Reference Forms** (attached form *must* be used)
3. **Two Essays** (*must be typed, double spaced and uploaded into the online system; essay questions listed below are limited to one page each*)
 1. State your goals in returning to school to complete a degree and how attainment of this degree will facilitate your professional development as a leader in nursing.
 2. Identify how your educational and career goals relate to the goals of MOLN.
4. **Transcript**
 1. Upload a PDF of your transcript into the online submission portal.
 2. Transcript must include all course work completed in current program.
 3. If applicant is enrolled in a program but has not begun course work, previous academic records may be used to meet the criteria.

To apply for a scholarship, please scan the QR code below, or visit:

<https://members.moln.org/scholarship-app>

MOLN

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Scholarship Application Worksheet

Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing

Date: _____

Instructions: Below are the questions you will be asked within the online application. Feel free to mark your answers using the worksheet below so you are prepared to address each question when completing the online application. **Please note, the completed scholarship application and all supporting documents must be submitted online no later than September 20.**

Applicant Information

NAME OF APPLICANT	NUMBER OF YEARS OF MOLN MEMBERSHIP		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE	E-MAIL		

Employment Information

NAME OF EMPLOYER	POSITION		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Academic Background

Begin with basic nursing education and list all completed programs.

SCHOOL NAME	DEGREE	DATE EARNED

Current Degree Program Being Pursued

NAME OF INSTITUTION	ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Organizational Membership Information

Describe your involvement with MOLN, AONE, and other organizations. Include district, state, or national level and the positions or offices held with these organizations. (Only MOLN members need to answer.)

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Scholarship Application – Reference Form

REFERENCE FORM

Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing

Instructions: Complete all sections below and save this form to your computer. Return your completed Reference Form to the individual seeking the scholarship to submit with their application. All shared information is strictly confidential.

Applicant: Please upload your completed reference forms into the online submission portal. **Please note, the completed scholarship application and all supporting documents must be submitted online no later than September 20.**

Applicant information

NAME OF APPLICANT
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?
IN WHAT CAPACITY HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT? (CHECK ONE) Immediate Supervisor Instructor or Peer MOLN Member Other (specify):

Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	POOR
Probability of success					
Dependability					
Initiative					
Ability to get along with others					
Communication skills					
Professionalism					

What indication can you give of the applicant's desire to contribute to nursing leadership? (350-500 words)

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Additional comments

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Signature

PRINTED NAME	TITLE
SIGNATURE	DATE

After completing this form, please return it to the applicant for inclusion with their online application materials.