

2010 Nurse in Washington Internship™ Scholarship Application Criteria/Procedure

The Nursing Organizations Alliance™ is offering two scholarships* for the 2010 Nurse in Washington Internship™ (NIWI™) program. The scholarships provide assistance to nurses to help offset the costs associated with attending NIWI™.

Eligibility Requirements

- Current member of an Alliance member organization
- Within the applicant's nursing organization, have experience in legislative activities at the state or national level in policy issues OR with minimal experience clearly articulate how the NIWI™ experience will allow you to advance the goals of nursing practice.

Funding

At least two Alliance Scholarships will be awarded. One full scholarship will cover travel expenses, lodging expenses, and registration fees for the conference.

The second partial scholarship covers NIWI™ registration fees only. Recipient will be responsible for all other expenses related to attending NIWI™.

Application Process:

The application must include two copies of the following:

1. Completed scholarship application form.
2. Completed NIWI™ registration form.
3. Two letters of recommendation. One must be from someone representing your specific nursing organization (i.e.: President, Chapter President, Committee Chair, etc.)
4. Proof of membership in your nursing organization.

All documentation must be sent as a complete packet to the address shown below by October 9, 2009.

Awarding of Scholarships

The Scholarship Review Team will review applications, and the award will be granted on the basis of the following:

- Overall clarity and succinctness of the application (10%)
- Clarity and quality of goal statement (50%)
- Previous related activity/involvement or vision for future involvement (15%)
- Relevance of prior professional activities (15%)
- First time attendee (10%)

Requirements

Scholarship Recipients will be required to write a report for The Alliance describing how they plan to use and/or have used their experience at NIWI. Reports will be due within 60 days of the meeting. Reports will be posted to The Alliance website.

*scholarships awarded based on availability of funding

Nurse in Washington Internship™
Scholarship Application

A. Biographical Data Form
(Please complete all sections)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Specialty Organization Affiliation: _____

Are you receiving financial support from your organizations to attend?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe.

*Please note, applicants who are receiving **full** funding from his/her organization will not be eligible for a scholarship from The Alliance.

B. Clearly and succinctly (In 1000 words or less) address the following three criteria:

1. Goal Statement

- How you will use the knowledge gained from NIWI™ and apply it to your area of practice, your nursing organization, and nursing as a profession
- Describe how you plan to disseminate this knowledge to members of your nursing organization

2. Previous Policy/Government Affairs Activities

- List your involvement/activities in policy and/or government affairs activities within your nursing organization for the past three years OR with minimal experience clearly articulate how the NIWI™ experience will allow you to advance the goals of nursing practice.

3. Professional Activities

- List organizational memberships, community activities, related presentations, and other relevant professional activities for the past three years.

4. Attendance at NIWI

- Have you attended NIWI in the past? Yes _____ No _____

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is accurate and complete.

Applicant signature

**All materials must be received by the Nursing Organizations Alliance™ office by
October 9, 2009**

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