

Graduate Scholarship Application Checklist

Deadline:

March 1st, 2011

(ALL materials must be in by the deadline)

The College of Nursing Graduate Scholarships provide funding for MS, GEP, DNP, and PhD students for the Fall 2010-Spring 2011 semesters. You must be a degree seeking student to apply. All scholarship awards are based on financial need, GPA, and leadership, service, and volunteer roles. For more information regarding the scholarship funds, please visit the College of Nursing [website](#).

Apply Early! No late applications will be accepted.

1. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

You must file a FAFSA with the UIC Office of Financial Aid by the priority to filling out the Scholarship application. FAFSA information can be found at the [Financial Aid website](#). It is recommended that you file your 2010 income tax return before submitting the FAFSA. International students do not complete a FAFSA.

2. SAR (Student Aid Report)

After completing the FAFSA, you will be able to access a PDF copy of your SAR within 3-5 days, so it is important that you complete the FAFSA well before the March 1st deadline. You must email your SAR to Joanna V. Maravilla at jmarav1@uic.edu. The SAR provides your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and determines your level of financial need. International students do not receive an SAR.

3. Graduate Scholarship Application

Hold down the control key and click on this link to complete the [Graduate Scholarship application](#)

- You will need to provide information regarding any previous scholarship awards, honors, leadership activities, volunteer activities, and employment and financial resources.
- You must also have your University Identification Number (UIN) with you to complete the form. The UIN is also your application ID number (ie 678953123). It was provided when you submitted your UIC College of Nursing application.
- You will also be required to complete some short answer questions (200 words max). It is recommended that you answer the essay questions on a separate word document first before copying and pasting your responses on the scholarship application.

Essay Questions:

- 1) Describe any factors related to finances that will affect your ability to stay enrolled during the next academic year?
- 2) Discuss how your leadership and service roles have influenced your career and education in nursing. What have you learned from those roles?

The scholarship application is six (6) pages long. You will NOT be able to save your information and complete the application at a later time. It's important to have all your materials with you before beginning the application so prepare your essay answers in advance. The scholarship application should take 30-45 minutes to complete.

NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO YOUR APPLICATION AFTER YOU CLICK "SUBMIT."

Please be complete and compelling in explaining why you should be awarded a scholarship.