



C. R. BARD FOUNDATION, INC.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A \$2,500 annual award for undergraduate juniors majoring in nursing and registered nurses who are pursuing their BSN degrees with junior status and carrying a minimum of 9 credits during the scope of the award.

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THE PROGRAM

Recognizing the growing need for highly qualified nurses in the health industry, the C. R. Bard Foundation has established an annual nursing scholarship program.

The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize outstanding nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, leadership, and extracurricular activities and who are planning careers in the health industry. The award will recognize financial need.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Awards are available to eligible nursing students attending a college affiliated with the Independent College Fund of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as ICFNJ), which is a consortium representing the 14 independent colleges and universities in New Jersey.

WHEN DOES A STUDENT APPLY?

Interested students, whether they're entering the second semester of their sophomore year or entering the second semester of the second year of their nursing program, must apply before **March 31**.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

To be considered for a C. R. Bard Foundation Nursing Scholarship, a student must meet all of these criteria:

- Be enrolled or accepted in a nursing degree program at a college affiliated with ICFNJ (students must be either enrolled full time or part-time carrying at least 9 credit hours during the term of the award).
- Have at least second-semester sophomore standing or equivalent credit hours at the time of selection.
- Possess at least 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate financial need — as determined by your institution's financial aid officer.
- Be interested in pursuing a career in the health industry.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible to work in the U.S.

HOW DOES ONE APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The student must complete and sign the application form included in this brochure and submit it, along with all supporting material, to the college's director of financial aid, who will forward it to:

Mr. John B. Wilson
President
Independent College Fund of New Jersey
797 Springfield Avenue
Summit, NJ 07901-1107

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Applicant's Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Permanent Address: _____
STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

Phone Number: (____) _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

College/University Attending: _____

College Address: _____
STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

ACADEMIC WORK:

Major: _____ Minor: _____ Degree: _____

Credits Completed at end of current semester: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

- Applicant statement — limit to 200 words. Describe why you would like to pursue the profession of nursing or a career in the health industry, what you hope to accomplish, and your qualifications for this award.
- Letter of Reference from one faculty member at your college.
- Letter from your institution's financial aid office certifying your cost of attendance, types and amount of financial aid already awarded, and any unmet need.
- Official college transcript through most recently completed semester.
- Honors and awards received during past four years — limit to one page.
- Employment history — limit to one page.
- Extracurricular, volunteer, and community service activities — limit to one page.

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Awards will be \$2,500 per year. The recipient may qualify for renewal on a competitive basis provided the recipient continues to meet all eligibility criteria. Renewal is not guaranteed.

The offering of this annual award will depend upon future funding but the C. R. Bard Foundation, which reserves the right to terminate funding at any time.

HOW MANY AWARDS WILL BE MADE?

A maximum of six awards will be made annually to applicants from the seven member colleges of ICFNJ that offer nursing programs. They are:

Bloomfield College
College of Saint Elizabeth
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Felician College
Monmouth University
Saint Peter's College
Seton Hall University

HOW ARE THE SCHOLARS SELECTED?

Participant colleges will nominate eligible candidates based on the students' strong academic performance, quality of applicants' statements, extent of extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership, and financial need. A committee convened by ICFNJ will choose the recipients, taking into account the students' complete applications and supporting materials.

WHAT ARE THE SCHOLARS' OBLIGATIONS?

Scholars have a responsibility to do quality work in their nursing major and must continue to meet all eligibility criteria to be eligible to compete for renewal. Recipients will be asked to submit a progress report to the C. R. Bard Foundation at the conclusion of the academic year.

THE SPONSOR

As a leading developer, manufacturer, and supplier of reliable health care products and services, C. R. Bard, Inc., is focusing its resources on new technologies in urology, oncology, vascular medicine and surgical specialties to advance the delivery of health care throughout the world. Bard's vision for the future is to continue to lead in developing technologies that support the rapidly emerging needs of health care well beyond just the treatment of disease. Bard is committed to helping prevent costly and life-limiting disease by supplying reliable products and services that support early detection, diagnosis, extended care and home health care. In order to accomplish this goal, it takes more than just products, it takes people, qualified people who care for others. By partnering with ICFNJ, it is the goal of the C. R. Bard Foundation Nursing Scholarship Program to support those who will eventually improve the quality of life for their patients.

The Independent College Fund of New Jersey is dedicated to broadening financial support and understanding of independent higher education in the state of New Jersey. Since its incorporation in 1953, ICFNJ has raised close to \$60 million to benefit the 14 independent colleges and universities in our state.

For further information, contact the Independent College Fund of New Jersey at 797 Springfield Ave., Summit, NJ 07901 • (908) 277-3424 • (908) 277-0851 FAX • www.njcolleges.org

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