

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP



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So why do we have a Nursing Scholarship? That's like asking why there are nurses and how does that apply to the VFW Auxiliary. By providing funds to those who have chosen this honorable profession, we must look at the need for competent and compassionate nurses. I'm sure most of us know one or two nurses and have heard how challenging the job can be. Our task is to serve the medical community who gives so much to our veterans and families, by contributing to today's astronomical expense of preparing for their careers.

The VFW Auxiliary is privileged to provide a scholarship to deserving nursing students in their senior year of preparation. The award amounts are: First place \$5000, Second place \$3000 and Third place \$2000.

The requirements for your participations include (but not limited to):

- _____1. Auxiliary contributes a minimum of \$15, if possible, to the NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, as suggested in the Program Participation requirements. Send this donation to the **DEPARTMENT TREASURER**, earmarking your check as "Nursing Scholarship".
- _____2. Submit the YEAR END Report, with a copy of the above mentioned check to me.
- _____3. Honor the nurses in your community in a routine, special manner and submit reports with pictures to me.

I in turn, will contact Directors of accredited nursing education schools and provide them with the details and requirements, asking that they make this information available to all their junior nursing students. Application forms will be available with the first initial letter. You will also find that information included here for your use. As a tradition, the winning applicants will be invited to attend our Department Convention to receive the scholarship awards and meet our great membership who have made the scholarship available.

SUGGESTIONS TO SHOW APPRECIATION

- Take treats to Nurses' Stations when you visit and on National Nurses' Day, in May 2024
- Send thank you notes to the nursing staff in your doctors' office
- Have pizza or homemade goodies delivered to night shifts at the hospitals
- Send flowers and holiday treats to those who work in the hospitals and Nursing Homes
- Remember nurses on special occasions such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentines Days

STATEWIDE PROJECT

Nurses Survival Kit- Put together a zip lock baggie with mints, gum, lip balm, Life Savers, granola bars, etc. and distribute to the facilities to be used by nurses that work with Veterans.

AWARDS

1. Plaque to Auxiliary in each Membership Division with
BEST ACTIVITIES HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE NURSES
Must report with 3-4 pictures in the report.
2. Plaque to Auxiliary in each Membership Division with
BEST STATEWIDE PROJECT: NURSES SURVIVAL KIT
Must report with 3-4 pictures in the report.

“Wind Beneath Our Veterans Wings”
“Banding Together for Our Veterans”