

OLIVET COLLEGE RN-BSN PROGRAM TOWSLEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Grant Title: Building Emergency Preparedness in Communities across Michigan through Scholarships for Nurses Program

Purpose: To provide scholarships to Olivet College RN-BSN Program students to focus their studies on their healthcare community's response to COVID-19 pandemic and create an evidenced-based emergency preparedness response for the institutions where they practice.

Award Components: Four (4) students will be selected for a non-renewable \$5,000 scholarship applied directly to the cost of tuition and fees for RN-BSN Program students who agree to work throughout the program to assess the community served to find gaps and provide evidenced-based interventions to promote health and quality of life.

Criteria

- Must be employed as a registered nurse licensed and working in a needy, underserved area in Michigan throughout the program.
- Must be accepted to the Olivet College RN-BSN Program.
 - Complete the application for admission
 - Submit official transcripts from all colleges / universities attended
 - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Must agree to work with a mentor to conduct a community assessment, find opportunities and disseminate findings to help develop resilience and crisis readiness in the recipient's community. This community will likely be a sub-community. For example, patients with diabetes seeking care in a wound clinic during COVID-19 or patients experiencing delayed procedures related to COVID-19. The sky is really the limit.
- Must agree to share an evidenced-based deliverable product that supports emergency preparedness and aimed to improve health outcomes and quality of life in the recipient's community with Towsley Foundation.
 - The deliverable product will demonstrate innovation and policy change proposal (if appropriate) to improve physical, mental, and spiritual health through the arts and humanities that ultimately positively influence Michigander's health and quality of life. The influence of the service learning project will measure the impact on health and quality of life through a report of supporting evidenced-based literature that reports the intervention to be effective and generalizable to the population served.
- Preference will be given to students with a GPA of at least 3.25 in the ADN program.

Goals and Objectives

Studies have shown that healthcare organizations with increased numbers of baccalaureate prepared registered nurses experience decreased morbidity and mortality of patients. The goal of this proposed program is to increase the number of baccalaureate degree nurses across Michigan who: 1) are ready to become community change agents; 2) can study and create an evidence-based emergency preparedness improvement plan for their local healthcare community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and, 3) contribute to the ultimate outcome of improved health and quality of life in their home communities.

Application Process

Applicant must submit the following items:

- Complete the attached application form (must be word processed).
 - Community needs essay (see description on application form).
 - Biographical sketch (see description on application form).
- Two letters of recommendation (one professional, one personal).

Deadline:

May 7, 2021 at 5 p.m. EST

Recipient Notification:

May 14, 2021

Submission

Please send the fillable application, community needs essay, biographical sketch, and two letters of recommendation attached in a single email with the subject line "Towsley Scholarship Application" prior to **May 7, 2021 at 5 p.m. EST** to:

Dr. Lorraine Manier, Olivet College Director of Nursing Education
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ RN license number: _____

Email: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Provide the following information for the college at which your ADN was granted:

College at which ADN was granted: _____

G.P.A. _____ Date of graduation: _____

List any awards received: _____

Title of capstone project in ADN program: _____

Other scholarly work: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Place of employment: _____

Date of hire: _____ Current position: _____

Committee work: _____

ESSAY: In 2,000 words or less, describe the underserved needs affecting the delivery of effective nursing care during the COVID-19 pandemic within the internal and external community in which you are employed. Identify an area on which you will focus (the “problem”) throughout your work in the Olivet College RN-BSN Program. In detail, describe what is known about the problem, what interventions have been implemented, and the effectiveness of the intervention(s). Keep in mind, recipients will use the described focus as a basis of learning and professional development throughout the OC RN-BSN Program. The problem could be a need for education, policy change, process improvement, a resource manual, etc.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: In 750 words, tell us about yourself. Include your interests, goals, dreams, professional development plan and other pertinent information. The following site may assist with the professional development plan: <https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/professional-development-plan>.

ATTACH TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: One professional and one personal.

PERSONAL ATTESTATION: I the undersigned do fully agree that if I am awarded this scholarship I will comply with its requirements including sharing with the Towsley Foundation an evidenced-based deliverable product that supports emergency preparedness aimed at improving health outcomes and quality of life in my community. I attest that the information provided by me, the undersigned, as stated herein is true and accurate and representative of my own work. I further understand that if the information proves to be inaccurate or false, it will serve as grounds for immediate disqualification.

Signature: _____ Date: _____