

The Margaret I. Winters Memorial Scholarship

To be awarded to an Illinois Professional Educator Licensed and Endorsed School nurse in the process of obtaining a graduate degree.

The Margaret Winters Memorial Scholarship was established to promote graduate level education among Professional Education Licensed School Nurses. The \$1,000 scholarship is intended to help offset part of the cost of pursuing the graduate degree. All graduate programs require research or a project as part of the course of study. This research/project may be used to fulfill the grant application requirements.

Application Criteria

1. Illinois Professional Educator License with an endorsement in School Nursing
2. A passion for school nursing
3. Current enrollment in a graduate level program which has as its core, nursing or nursing management in the school setting
4. 3 years of membership in the Illinois Association of School Nurses
5. Evidence of attendance at Division meetings and active involvement in IASN during three years of membership.

Project Criteria

This project must be evidence based and reflect direct benefit to the children of Illinois and/or the practice of School Nursing as is stated in the Illinois Association of School Nurses Mission Statement/Strategic Plan.

Application must be accompanied by

1. Cover letter from applicant stating her vision of how children's lives will be affected by her project after her degree is completed and how the project/research contributes to her professional goals.
2. Letter of recommendation from current administrator
3. Letter of recommendation from applicant's IASN Division President
4. Award application detailing project in narrative style will total no more than 6 pages and no less than 12 font, double spaced and single sided. Graphs and other research tools may be included but will count in the maximum of 6 pages.
5. Proof of current enrollment in a graduate level program.
6. Total application will not exceed 9 pages.

The project must be completed within the previous year of applying for the consideration of this award, or in the process of completion. Projects more than 2 years previously completed will not be accepted.

Expectations of Award Winner

Prepare and present the project/research as a poster presentation (not eligible for poster award) or present a verbal presentation at the next IASN Conference.

The amount of the scholarship will be \$1000.00.

The completed application must be mailed to:
Ginger Barnes, IASN Foundation President
7077 Illinois Route 16
Hillsboro, IL 62049-3420
Email: prbyginger@yahoo.com

DEADLINE: August 1

Scoring for Award Applicants

All proposals will be reviewed with the following criteria. Please rate each item on a 1-10 scale. 10 being the highest score given meaning it is the most relevant considering the award criteria.

Benefits children	possible points	10	_____
Advances practice of school nursing	possible points	10	_____
Timely subject to current practice challenges	possible points	5	_____
Active Division or State involvement	possible points	5	_____
Evidence of voluntary participation in school Activities showing investment in school community	possible points	5	_____
Evidence in community involvement	possible points	3	_____
Longevity of membership in IASN/NASN	possible point	2	_____
Total possible points 40	TOTAL		_____