



PALMETTO GOLD

SALUTING SOUTH CAROLINA NURSES FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE

SUPPORTING NURSING EDUCATION WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

Palmetto Gold Scholarship Program Pre-Licensure Scholarship Application

The Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the continuation of the Palmetto Gold Scholarship. The purpose of this program is to salute South Carolina nurses for excellence in practice and to support nursing education with scholarships.

In January 2002, a coalition of nurse leaders representing major nursing organizations in the state met to discuss the formation of an annual statewide nurse recognition program that would showcase the valuable contributions nurses make to patient care. The program would also raise funds for scholarships for registered nurse students. The inaugural **Palmetto Gold Gala** was held on May 10, 2002. The success of this program was such that the Steering Committee elected to establish a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to **one student** from each of the State Board of Nursing, **fully approved** pre-licensure nursing programs in South Carolina.

The Palmetto Gold Scholarship Fund will be administered through the South Carolina Nurses Foundation and recipients of the Palmetto Gold Scholarship will be recognized at the annual gala celebration on April 26, 2025.

Application Information:

This application packet may be used by any student applying for the Palmetto Gold Scholarship. The Dean or Director of each nursing program will invite students who meet the criteria to complete the application and the **Dean (or designee)** will make the final selection to submit to the Palmetto Gold Scholarship Selection Committee. All required documents of the final candidate should then be emailed to Sue Haddock, Chair of the Palmetto Gold Scholarship Selection Committee at ksuehaddock@gmail.com no later than **October 4, 2024, at 5:00 pm**. The Palmetto Gold Scholarship Selection Committee will present the award in January 2025 and will notify the Dean and the recipient by email.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- I. **Amount:** \$1,000 will be awarded to one pre-licensure registered nurse student in each of the State Board of Nursing, fully approved, South Carolina registered nurse programs.
- II. **Eligibility:** The scholarship will be awarded to a current nursing student enrolled in both Fall and Spring semesters for the 2024-2025 academic year who shows evidence of each of the following four criteria:
 - a. **Displays caring and commitment to patients, families, and colleagues**
 - b. **Demonstrates leadership and assists others to grow and develop**
 - c. **Promotes the profession of nursing in a positive way**
 - d. **Shows promise of excellence by achieving a high level of academic success (at least a B average in nursing courses)**
- III. **Deadlines:** Applications for the Palmetto Gold Scholarship should be emailed by the Dean by **October 4, 2024, by close of the business day (5PM)** to Sue Haddock, Chair of the Palmetto Gold Scholarship Selection Committee at ksuehaddock@gmail.com
- IV. **Distribution:** Applications for the award will be emailed to Deans and Directors of SC Schools of Nursing in September, for distribution to qualified nursing students. Each school will determine the scholarship recipient and send the required documentation to the Palmetto Gold Scholarship Selection Committee. Checks will be made payable to the recipient and mailed in January 2025.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application *must* include:

1. Completed application form below.
3. Essay of 200 words or less describing your career goals in nursing and your eligibility for this award.
4. Release form to grant permission for name and school to be included in Program for 2025 Palmetto Gold Gala.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact:
Sue Haddock at (803) 206-3787 or ksuehaddock@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Nursing Program: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

School/Community Involvement: _____

Work Experience: _____

Scholastic Achievement: _____

RELEASE OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT

If I receive the Palmetto Gold Scholarship,

I am willing to have the award made public Yes No

I am willing to have my name and school included in the Palmetto Gala Program
 Yes No

I am willing to attend the Gala (complementary ticket)
 Yes No

I hereby give the Palmetto Gold Scholarship Selection Committee permission as noted above.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____