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**Nurses Educational Funds, Inc. Awards \$317,000 in Scholarships
to Graduate Nursing Students**

(Brooklyn, NY) — The Board of Directors of Nurses Educational Funds (NEF) has approved 34 new graduate nursing scholars for 2026-2027, with scholarship awards totaling \$317,000. Starting with just two scholarships distributed in 1912, NEF's total of awarded scholarships for graduate nursing education is now 1,513.

NEF's mission is to promote leadership and health equity through scholarship support for professional nurses seeking master's and doctoral degrees in nursing education, practice, and research. NEF's named scholarships, created with a minimum donation of \$50,000, honor and memorialize nurse leaders from Thelma Schorr to Susan Bowar-Ferres, nursing alumnae associations, and other health care leaders. Careful investment and continued contributions guarantee the scholarships' growth and perpetuity.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic performance and leadership capabilities, a personal essay, reference letters, and validated current enrollment in graduate programs throughout the United States. Student applicants must be licensed registered nurses with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (or the equivalent requirement if attending an entry-level master's or doctoral program).

The next NEF scholarship application opens on October 1, 2026, and closes on February 1, 2027. Applications are reviewed in the spring and awarded each summer. To apply for an NEF scholarship, visit www.n-e-f.org/apply

Nurses Educational Funds, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; contributions are tax-deductible. 100% of donations help to keep NEF scholarships funded in perpetuity; organization expenses are covered with the prudent management of NEF's investments. NEF's Board of Directors is comprised of 22 leaders from the nursing, education, and business communities, donating their time and talent to the advancement of the nursing profession. To support NEF scholarships, visit www.n-e-f.org/donate