

Delaware School Nurse Association Edith P. Vincent Scholarship Award

Purpose:

The purpose of this award is to support and assist members of the Delaware School Nurse Association in the pursuit of furthering their education related to school nursing. The award is given in honor and memory of Edith P. Vincent, a true advocate for school health who passed away August, 2013. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a DSNA member each year who meets the criteria.

Criteria:

- a. Current DSNA member for two or more years.
- b. Currently employed as a school nurse.
- c. Currently enrolled in a Master's or Post graduate degree at an accredited institution of higher education.

Application Process:

- a. Each school year, school nurses are notified of the call for applications for this scholarship.
- b. Application form is downloaded from DSNA website or sent via Lead Nurse.
- c. Applications must be completed and submitted to the chairperson of the scholarship committee no later than February 13, 2026; the applicant will receive email confirmation of receipt of the application.

Committee:

The chairperson of the scholarship committee is appointed by the president of the Delaware School Nurse Association. The committee will comprise no less than 3 additional members, one from each county, to be selected by the Executive Board of the DSNA.

Selection Process:

Each committee member will receive a copy of each application. After a blind review of the applications, the committee members will choose the scholarship recipient. The Executive Board of the DSNA must approve the winner prior to scholarship money being distributed. In the absence of a qualified candidate – no award will be given that year.

For the purpose of selecting award recipients, priority is given to the following applicants:

- Those seeking degrees in nursing
- Those who have a specified financial need (i.e., other family member in college, single parent)
- Those who have not received other scholarship monies or tuition reimbursement
- Those who have not previously received this scholarship reward
- Those who participated in/attended activities on the district, DSNA and NASN levels

Distribution of Scholarship Monies:

The scholarship winner will present a copy of satisfactory grades to the Scholarship Committee chairperson. Upon receipt of this requirement, the chairperson will advise the DSNA Treasurer to disburse the money to the award recipient at a Spring DSNA event or directly to the award recipient.

Send completed application to:

Krystal Little, MSM-HCA, MSN, RN, NCSN, PLNC

Capital School District

krystal.little@capital.k12.de.us

Scoring Rubric

Points	1	2-3	4-5
Benefit of degree or course work to school nursing practice	<p>Fails to provide information</p> <p>Fails to adequately describe benefits of degree or coursework to school nursing practice</p>	<p>Information provided is vague or lacks clear plan of how course work will benefit school nursing practice</p> <p>Provides a few examples but does not identify specifics</p>	<p>Information is detailed and impressive</p> <p>Clearly indicates the benefits of course work to school nursing practice</p>
Educational goals	Fails to state educational goals	<p>Provides a few goals but not any specifics linking them to school nursing practice</p> <p>Goals listed are vague and not appropriate to school nursing</p>	<p>Clearly indicates and provides examples of how educational goals relate to school nursing practice</p> <p>Clearly addresses the link between educational goals and their application to school nursing practice</p>
District/DSNA/NASN involvement	Fails to list any activities	<p>Evidence of involvement but is unclear or inconclusive</p> <p>May have a list but it is not particularly compelling</p>	<p>Evidence of involvement is clear and demonstrates the candidate's impact on DSNA/NASN</p> <p>Describes involvement that indicates leadership skills</p>
Demonstration of financial need	<p>No financial need indicated</p> <p>Received other scholarship monies or tuition reimbursement Financial need indicated but candidate does not qualify</p>	<p>Provided vague explanation of financial need.</p> <p>Did not receive other monies or tuition reimbursement</p>	<p>Provided a clearly stated explanation of financial need</p> <p>Did not receive other monies or tuition reimbursement</p>
Application presentation	Application is incomplete	<p>Application is complete</p> <p>Application demonstrates a need</p>	Application is complete and extremely compelling

	Application contains multiple errors in grammar and spelling	for greater attention to proofing	All instructions were followed with no errors
	Not all instructions were followed	Application is compelling	

Edith P. Vincent Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name

Applicant's Address

Telephone _____

(work)

(home/cell)

School District/School Name

School Address

Email address

Present Academic Credential (RN, MSN, PNP, etc.)

Number of years employed in school nursing

Years of current DSNA membership

Name of Institution planned for course work

Type of coursework/degree planned

Other scholarships/tuition reimbursement for this school year

*Additionally, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOUR STATEMENTS ON THE NEXT PAGE

Return application to/call if you have any questions:

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302-672-1658

A. The benefit of this degree or course work to my school nursing practice is :

B. My educational goals are (be specific):

C. My participation/attendance on the district, DSNA, NASN levels include:

D. My financial concerns/needs include: