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Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must meet **all** the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

You must be eligible to work in the United States

You must be a Florida resident eligible for in-state tuition

You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

You must have an acceptance letter into a qualified Nursing Degree Program

For current Nicklaus Children's Hospital employees:

You must have no corrective action during the last 12 months

You must have a minimum of a Strong Performer rating in the most recent annual evaluation.

When is the application deadline?

Spring Application: **November 17th 2024 at 11:59 PM EST**

Should I submit all my information before I request a recommendation?

No. You should request a recommendation first and as early as possible to ensure there is enough time for the recommendation to be submitted by the deadline.

What is the Program estimated timeline?

Fall Semester Application

- **Application Opens**: November 4th
- **Application Deadline**: November 17th
- **Interview with selection Committee- December 2nd to December 6th**
- **Recipients/Awarded Notified**: December
- **Program Start:** January

What are the selection criteria?

An independent selection committee will evaluate the applications and select the recipients considering:

- Academic achievement record
- Personal Essay
- Recommender Letters
- Work Experience
- Overall Eligibility
- Interview

Selection will take the above-mentioned criterion into account.

Decisions of the selection committees are final and are not subject to appeal. No application feedback will be given.

What are the details of the award?

The Nicklaus Children's Hospital Scholars Program awards up to 10 new scholarships, both for the Spring and Fall semesters at Florida International University.

- Students accepted to the Generic-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at Florida International University may apply for the Nicklaus Children's Nurse Scholars Program. The program consists of didactic and clinical experiences as a student, in addition to being a Student Nurse Intern (SNIP) after the completion of your first semester of nursing school. The SNIP is a per-diem employment opportunity for nurse scholars to be hired as care assistants to gain insight into the field of pediatric nursing. The clinical rotation experiences will be completed within Nicklaus Children's Hospital. The Nurse Scholars academic team at Nicklaus Children's Hospital will work with the academic institution to adjust specific clinical experiences to prepare the Nurse Scholar for a successful educational journey. Up to ten participants will be accepted during each fall and spring semester.
- Students accepted into the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Nurse Scholars Program are provided an award towards school tuition. Tuition is paid directly to the school, and nurse scholars are responsible for additional fees applied by the school.
- After completion of their program, eligible graduates may be offered employment into the Horizon Nurse Residency program at Nicklaus Children's Hospital and fulfill a 2-year agreement within the organization.
- Non recipients may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

 Awards are for undergraduate Generic BSN program students at Florida International University ONLY.

Is this scholarship renewable?

No.

How do I change my college choice?

This information cannot be changed, only Florida International University is permitted.

How do I know if my application is complete?

Once you complete all the tasks and mark them as Complete, the task bar on the left-hand side corner of your application portal will show check marks. Review your application and submit. When you submit your application, you'll see the status of your application updated to Complete.

I uploaded a document that no longer displays on my application. Do I need to submit it again?

Previously uploaded documents that are no longer displayed with a status on the home page have been *rejected*. The most common reasons for a rejected document are as follows:

- The document uploaded is not one of the accepted file types: **.pdf, .tif, .png, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps.**
- The document uploaded was not the document requested.
- Not all pages of the document were contained in the file.
- We cannot open the file. The file may be corrupted, or password protected.

Refer to the upload section of your application for the details of the required documents and upload a new file that meets the criteria stated.

How do I upload more than one file at a time?

You may create a .zip file containing more than one file if everything included is in an acceptable format (i.e. .Pdf, .tif, .png, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps.**)**

How do I create a .zip file?

To use this format, follow the steps outlined below:

1. Create a new folder on your Desktop - name it the document type you will be uploading. For example, Test Scores, Transcript, or Financial Documentation.
2. Move all the pages you wish to upload into the new folder.
3. Right click on the document from your Desktop, select "Send to," followed by "Compressed (zipped) folder."
4. Your new **.zip** file will be located on your Desktop ready to upload.

What is the difference between Official and Unofficial Transcripts? Which should I send?

Unofficial transcripts may be accessed through your school's online student portal. These pages must still be converted to one of the acceptable file formats. There are free tools available that will allow you to save various documents (including web pages) as a PDF. Unofficial transcripts must contain your name and the school's name and contact information. Unofficial transcripts are preferred and accepted.

Official transcripts must be obtained through your high school administration office, or your college registrar office. These transcripts are normally printed on official letterhead and/or state that they are official. These may contain a signature.

Note: Your official transcript may come to you in a sealed envelope, stating it will become unofficial if opened. When scanning or copying your official transcripts, a watermark may appear noting they are now unofficial. **Despite any watermarks or sealed envelopes, you may open the envelope if needed to upload the document. These documents will still be considered official for our purposes.** *When scanning or copying, you do not need to include a copy of the sealed envelope.*

What are the DO's and DON'Ts of uploading documents to my application?

DO

- Upload in the correct file format.
- Only upload the requested documents.

- Black out any Social Security numbers on the documents you are uploading. This is not required but advised.
- Return to your Home page below to verify your documents have been accepted. https://edcor.smapply.us/prog/nicklaus_childrens_hospital_nurse_scholars_program/

DON'T
- Upload a Microsoft Word™ document (.doc, .docx).
- Upload more than the requested documentation
- Use your high-school-provided email address
- Assume your documents are correct and accepted once you have uploaded them.
- Upload a document stating you are mailing your documents.
- Assume the required document does not pertain to you. If the application states the document is required, your application will remain incomplete if you do not provide that document.
- Password-protect your uploaded documents. Password protected documents will be rejected

Where and when should I send my supporting documents?

The required supporting documents must be uploaded to your online application by the application deadline. If you do not follow the upload instructions exactly, your application may not be considered. Documents that meet the criteria required for the award application and are uploaded by the deadline will be processed and considered on time.

How and when will I receive notification?

- Notifications are also sent to recipients and applicants not selected to receive an award, **via email.**

- For recipients, an **acceptance** link will be displayed on the home page following the notification.

- Add Edcor Scholarship noreply@mail.smapply.net to your email address book or "safe senders list" to ensure these important emails are not sent to your junk mail folder.

- Do not 'opt out' of any email sent from Edcor Scholarship noreply@mail.smapply.net. You may not receive vital information regarding your scholarship applications

- Do not change email addresses – what you utilize to register on the scholarship site must be used throughout the process.

What are my responsibilities if I am chosen as a recipient?

Required Employment with Nicklaus Children's Hospital. FIU's BSN program provides students with didactic instruction and clinical work experience. Nurse Scholars must fulfill their clinical obligations under the BSN and work as care assistants through Nicklaus Children's Hospital's Student Nurse Intern Program (SNIP) while enrolled in school.

Nurse Scholars employed as care assistants through the SNIP will gain unique insight into the field of pediatric nursing. Nurse Scholars will be paid on a per-diem basis for their work as SNIP care assistants and will need to fulfill a minimum of one work shift per pay period.

Following their successful completion of their nursing program, Nurse Scholars must apply for a registered nurse (RN) position through Nicklaus Children's Hospital's Horizon Nurse Residency Program. If Nicklaus Children's Hospital offers the Nurse Scholar a position through the Horizon Nurse Residency Program, the Nurse Scholar must fulfill a 2-year employment commitment. Nurse Scholars will receive additional information on the Horizon Nurse Residency Program as they approach graduation from their nursing program.

How and when are checks issued?
Award will be issued directly to the school in December for the Spring Application and August for the Fall Application.

Please contact Edcor Scholarshipsupport@edcor.com should you have questions.

Are awards taxable?
Tax laws vary by country. The award recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against his or her award. The program will be administered in full compliance with IRS Procedure 76-47.

Who is the Program Administrator?
To ensure complete impartiality in selection of recipients and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the program is administered by Edcor, a firm that specializes in managing sponsored award programs.

Who can I send a Thank You card to?
Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Attn: Learning & Development Services
3100 SW 62 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33155

Additional Information or Questions
For additional information regarding the scholarship program:
Visit: https://edcor.smapply.us/prog/nicklaus_childrens_hospital_nurse_scholars_program/

Email: scholarshipsupport@edcor.com or,

Call: 1-855-950-6301

Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern.