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**NBNA Announces 2023 Scholarship Program Awardees for  
51<sup>st</sup> Annual Institute and Conference to be held on August 1-6, 2023  
*#NBNA51stConference***

**SILVER SPRING, MD, (July 2, 2023)** - The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is honored to announce the 2023 Scholarship Program award recipients. The reception to honor the awardees will be held during the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Institute and Conference NBNA Awards Ceremony in Atlanta on Saturday, August 5, 2023, starting at 1:30 P.M. EST.

The theme of this year's conference is **"NBNA Fifty Years and Beyond: Leading the way in Innovation, Built Environments, Advocacy, Mentorship, and Community Engagement."**

Expecting more than 900 nurses and nursing students to attend, plus schools of nursing, corporate partners and exhibitors - more information about the conference and a detailed agenda is located at <https://www.nbna.org/conf>.

"On behalf of NBNA, our partners, and our dedicated scholarship committee, we are extremely pleased to award \$257,500 in scholarships to our talented NBNA members, the largest amount in our history" said Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA President and CEO. "Providing financial support to further the education of NBNA members professional growth has been a core part of our mission for 52 years. We are grateful for the ongoing generosity and support of our partners, friends and members that make this investment possible!" Together we are strengthening and growing the nursing workforce. Congratulations to our 57 awardees!" We look forward to your professional progression and future impact to address ongoing health issues that emerge from the after effect of the built environment such as lack of caregiver and provider diversity, lack of access to care and poor health outcomes. Again, thank you and together, we are better.

**2023 NBNA Scholarship Program Award Recipients**

**DR. LAURANNE SAMS SCHOLARSHIP - Four \$1,000 Scholarships**

This scholarship, which is named for the Founder and First President of the NBNA, DR. LAURANNE SAMS, has a proud and distinguished legacy. The recipient must be an individual who truly represents the leadership, commitment to service and the scholarship of Dr. Sams. The Dr. Lauranne Sams Scholarship is awarded to qualified NBNA members based on their scholastic achievement, financial need, community service and pursuing a baccalaureate or advanced nursing degrees.



**KATRINA CHARBONNIER, CD, SN**

George Fox University, Nursing  
Newberg, Oregon  
Alliance of BNA Oregon



**Dawn Patrick, BSN, MSN, FNP-BC**

Rivier University, Nursing  
Nashua, New Hampshire  
BNA of Greater St. Louis



**Judith Clark MSN, APRN-C**

Barry University, School of Nursing  
Miami Shores, Florida  
Central Florida BNA



**Melanie Wren, BSN, RN**

University of Alabama at Birmingham  
School of Nursing  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Birmingham BNA

**NBNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500**

This scholarship, provided by the NBNA Board of Directors, is awarded to a qualified NBNA member who is pursuing a baccalaureate or advanced nursing degree.



**Kaelin Shay, BSN, RN, SANE**

University of Louisville, School of Nursing  
Louisville, Kentucky  
KYANNA BNA of Louisville, KY

**ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Eight \$10,000 Scholarships**

The Abbott Scholarship Fund provides five scholarships for nursing students including two scholarships for nurse practitioner students and one scholarship for a PhD path student. Selection criteria include interest in primary care, clinical research, and improving diversity clinical trial, financial needs, academic performance, and a desire to serve vulnerable populations.



**Kiana Cooper, RN, BSN**

Winston-Salem State University, School  
of Nursing  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Central Carolina BN Council



**Jazmine Harris, BS, BSN, RN**

Rockhurst University  
College of Nursing and Health  
Sciences  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Greater Kansas City BNA



**Mamadi Kromah**

Pennsylvania State University  
Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing  
University Park, Pennsylvania  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Area BNA



**Celena Major**

Chameberlain University College of  
Nursing  
Laurel, Maryland  
BNA of Greater Washington DC Area



**Cassandra Mombrun, MSN RN CPNP-PC**

University of Massachusetts, Nursing  
Boston, Massachusetts  
New England Regional BNA



**Walter Perez, MSN**

Frontier Nursing University  
Versailles, Kentucky  
Council of BN, Los Angeles



**Alicia Nebblett-Roberts, FNP-BC**

SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Nursing  
Albany, New York  
Greater New York City BNA



**Victoria Smith, MSN, RN**

Samford University, Nursing  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Birmingham BNA

**DR. DAISY HARMON-ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000**

The scholarship is provided by Dr. Daisy Harmon-Allen, the 13th President of the Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association in memory of her mother, Mrs. Bonnie Harmon who was an elementary school teacher in Sallis, Mississippi. The scholarship is awarded to an associate degree nursing student.



**Tinika Loggins, LPN**

Saint Charles Community College  
Cottleville, Missouri  
BNA of Greater St. Louis

**ARIZONA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS – One \$30,000 and two \$10,000 Scholarships**

Arizona College is offering two partial scholarships to students pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree. These students may be entering nursing program of study or matriculating as seniors.



**Alexis Malone**

Arizona College of Nursing  
Falls Church, Virginia  
BNA of Greater Washington DC Area



**Kaylin Presley**

Arizona College of Nursing  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
Southern Nevada, BNA



**Destiny Spencer**

Arizona College of Nursing, School of Nursing  
Southfield, Michigan  
Detroit BNA

**MARTHA AND CONSTANCE BROWN SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

Sponsored by Mrs. Constance Brown NBNA Board Member in honor of mother. Nurse Brown has a long history of service in the community engagement, grant writing and service. She is a past president of the Central Florida BNA, and recently, Mrs. Brown (both) are known for their community service and assistance to the underrepresented population in surrounding the central Florida area.



**JaShae' Jackson, LVN**

West Coast University Dallas, School of Nursing  
Richardson, Texas  
Greater East Texas BNA

**CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP – Two \$5,000 Scholarships**

CROSS COUNTRY HEALTHCARE is sponsoring two scholarships for NBNA nursing students pursuing a baccalaureate degree or higher. The awards were based on scholastic merit, financial need and their personal statements detailing their reason(s) for pursuing a nursing degree.



**Tekelia De Flanders, BSN, RN, CCRN**

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
College of Nursing  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Little Rock BNA of Arkansas



**Moriah McCloskey, RN, BSN**

Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing  
Baltimore, Maryland  
New England Regional BNA

**LIFEPOINT HEALTH – HEALTH EQUITY IN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP – Five \$5,000 Scholarships**

LifePoint Health a diversified healthcare delivery network is dedicated to *making communities healthier*® by awarding five NBNA nursing student members that are actively pursuing a degree in nursing. Scholarships will be awarded annually to student nurses who have expressed an interest in caring for patients in the following settings: 1) acute care hospital (3 scholarships), inpatient rehabilitation hospital (1 scholarship available), and behavioral health hospital (1 scholarship available). “Lifepoint cultivates and celebrates diversity, equity and inclusion among all members of our workforce, including our talented nurses.”



**Ruth Abiola**

Southern Arkansas University, Nursing  
Magnolia, Arkansas  
Little Rock BNA of Arkansas



**Micah Benjamin**

Northern Michigan University  
School of Nursing  
Marquette, Michigan  
Direct Member



**Rebecca Gailliez-Paul**

Long Island University  
Brooklyn, New York  
Greater New York City BNA



**Victoria Thompson**

Nazareth College of Rochester  
Pittsford, New York  
Rochester BNA



**Keierra Wiltshire**

Mercy College, School of Nursing  
Bronx, New York  
New York BNA

**DR. (HON) MILLICENT GORHAM SCHOLARSHIP - Two \$2,000 Scholarships**

This scholarship is provided by Sandra Evers-Manly in recognition of the work of Dr. (Honorary) Millicent Gorham, NBNA Past Executive Director. The scholarship is awarded to a NBNA student member pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree.



**Wisly Jean**

Florida Atlantic University  
Davie, Florida  
Miami Chapter - BNA

**DR. LOLA DENISE JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

The scholarship is provided by Dr. Lola Denise Jefferson, the founder of the Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association Chapter in Houston Texas. The scholarship is awarded to a generic baccalaureate nursing student.



**Nadia Williams**

Long Island University  
Harriet Rothkopf Heilbrunn School of Nursing  
Brooklyn, New York  
Greater New York City BNA

**MRS. OLA LOFTON SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000**

This scholarship is named and given to honor Mrs. Ola Lofton, a World War II nurse, who passed away on January 6, 2019. She loved the nursing profession and served her community for many years; she lived for 95 years. The scholarship is sponsored by Sandra Evers-Manly and is awarded to a NBNA nursing student pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree.



**Mariel Walcott**

Molloy University, School of Nursing  
Rockville Centre, New York  
New York BNA

**OPHELIA LONG 5<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000**

This scholarship is established in the honor of Mrs. Ophelia Long the 4th President of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc. from 1983-1987 and a lifetime member. Mrs. Long was a distinguished leader in academia, breaking the glass ceiling as the first registered nurse to serve as the vice president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN, and she was a renowned hospital and health system administrator breaking barriers to become Chief Executive Officer at two major hospitals: the Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Hospital and the Alameda County Medical Center that was comprised of three locations. In keeping with Ms. Long's legacy in academia and practice, scholarship recipients may be LPN, AD, BSN, MSN, DNP and PhD with a 2.5 or higher GPA to continue their program progression.



**Kiara Hayden**

University of San Francisco, School of Nursing and Health Professions  
San Francisco, California  
Bay Area BNA

**DOROTHY B. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000**

Dorothy B. Martin Scholarship is to honor her legacy as a committed professional in the field of nursing. This scholarship of \$2,000 is provided to a nursing student from North Carolina, Washington D.C., or Massachusetts pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate degree in nursing that is a member of the National Black Nurses Association. This scholarship is provided by friends and family of Pamela Martin Green, the daughter of Dorothy B. Martin.



**Kesha Levesque, MBA/HCM, BSN, RN**

Medical University of South Carolina, College of Nursing  
Charleston, South Carolina  
BNA of Baltimore

**GEORGE E. MCGUIRE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$4,000**

The George McGuire Memorial Scholarship is an endowed scholarship awarded to a nursing student whose focus is *Social Justice*. The candidate must be a NBNA member for at least two years pursuing a graduate degree in nursing. Mr. McGuire was loyal member of NBNA.



**DaJanae Gresham-Ryder MSN, RN, PHN**

California State University  
Stockton, CA  
Capitol City BNA

**MARGARET PEMBERTON SCHOLARSHIP- \$4,000**

The Scholarship is provided by Margaret Pemberton, Member, Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area, to a nursing student from the chapter in the conference's host city. This is an endowed scholarship.



**Mary Yeboah, BSN Student**

Emory University, School of Nursing  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Atlanta BNA (2023 Host Chapter)

**SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH CARE (SHC) SCHOLARSHIP - Five \$5,000 Scholarships**

Through the creation of NBNA scholarships, SHC hopes to combat the ongoing nursing shortage, support culturally congruent care in communities across the U.S., and provide better, higher-paying career options for nurses. The current focus of these scholarships will be to support licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPNs/LVNs) and individuals with an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) continuing their education toward a BSN.



**Lawrence Nelson**

Laboure College  
Boston, Massachusetts  
New England Regional BNA



**Jann Sanders, RN**

Fayetteville State University  
Fayetteville, North Carolina  
Piedmont BNA



**Angela Stokes**

Georgian Court University, School of Nursing  
Lakewood, New Jersey  
Concerned BN of Central New Jersey



**Charde' Vance, LPN**

Nightingale College, School of Nursing  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Capitol City BNA



**Briana Ware**

Herzing University  
Licensed Practical Nursing Student  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Birmingham BNA



**DR. ENA WILLIAMS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000**

The Ena Williams scholarship is a pay-it-forward leadership award for nurses pursuing doctoral studies. Mrs. Williams, PhD scholarship is to appreciate those that helped her to realize her dream and supported her not just in monetary ways, but through mentorship and sponsorship.



**Angela Elmore, MSN, RN-BC**

Samford University, Nursing  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Eastern Oklahoma BNA

**DR. ERIC J. WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

This scholarship is provided by Sandra Evers-Manly in honor of Dr. Eric J. Williams, the First Male President of the National Black Nurses Association. The scholarship is awarded to a generic associate or baccalaureate nursing student.



**Cyrenthia Sanders-Linton, BS**

Wallace State Community College, School of Nursing  
Hanceville, Alabama  
Birmingham BNA

**VITAS HEALTHCARE / ESTHER COLLIFLOWER SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

The scholarship is sponsored by VITAS Healthcare and is awarded to a NBNA nurse or student nurse who is interested in pursuing a career in End-of-Life Care.



**Tatyana Charles, CNA**

The University of Missouri Kansas City  
School of Nursing and Health Sciences  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Greater Kansas City BNA

**UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP – Nineteen \$5,000 Scholarships**

UHF goal is to help reduce ongoing disparities in health conditions, experiences and outcomes – as well as address persistent workforce representation challenges, the United States needs a larger and more diverse workforce that is prepared to provide culturally competent care to all patients.



**Samantha Agee, Msn-Ed, RN, APRN, CRNA**













Aspen University School of Nursing  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Nashville BNA








**Jessica Arter, MSN, RN**

University of Alabama in Huntsville  
School of Nursing  
Huntsville, Alabama  
BNA of Greater Washington DC Area



 <p><b>Samantha Baldwin, MSN, RN</b>  Samford University  Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing  Homewood, Alabama  Birmingham, BNA</p>	 <p><b>Azaria Brown</b>  Kent State University, College of Nursing  Kent, Ohio  Akron BNA</p>
 <p><b>Clarissa Collier, MSN, RN, CSN</b>  Walsh University  North Canton, Ohio  Southeastern Pennsylvania Area BNA</p>	 <p><b>Kendrick Clack, MS, APRN, FNP-C, AAHIVS</b>  Texas Woman's University, College of Nursing  Houston, Texas  Fort Bend County BNA</p>
 <p><b>Luis Dexter, BSN, RN, OCN</b>  Boston College, Connell School of Nursing  Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts  New England Regional BNA</p>	 <p><b>Sasha DuBois, MSN, RN, NEA-BC</b>  Boston College, Connell School of Nursing  Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts  New England Regional BNA</p>
 <p><b>Gianna Glover, BSN</b>  The College of New Jersey  School of Nursing and Health Sciences  Ewing, New Jersey  Middlesex Regional BNA</p>	 <p><b>Kimeshia Johnson, MSN, FNP-C</b>  Abilene Christian University  Dallas, Texas  Greater East Texas BNA</p>
 <p><b>Aron King, MS, RN</b>  University of California, Davis  Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing  Sacramento, California  Capitol City NBNA</p>	 <p><b>Davialle Lazard-Carradine</b>  Southern University at New Orleans  New Orleans, Louisiana  New Orleans BNA</p>
 <p><b>Trashell Nelson</b>  Southern University at New Orleans  New Orleans, Louisiana  New Orleans BNA</p>	 <p><b>Chikaodili Osuji</b>  Southern University at New Orleans  New Orleans, Louisiana  New Orleans BNA</p>

 <p><b>Alanna Owens, MSN, RN, CCRN</b>  Villanova University, Fitzpatrick College of Nursing  Villanova Pennsylvania  Southeastern Pennsylvania Area BNA</p>	 <p><b>Jose Perpignan, Jr., BS, RN</b>  University of Rochester School of Nursing  Rochester, New York  Greater New York City BNA</p>
 <p><b>Ricki Phillips</b>  Hampton University, School of Nursing  Hampton, Virginia  South Jersey Chapter of NBNA</p>	 <p><b>Tammie Sims-Russell</b>  Samuel Merritt University, School of Nursing  Oakland, California  Bay Area BNA</p>
 <p><b>Madison Smith, BSN, RN</b>  University of Alabama at Birmingham  School of Nursing  Birmingham, Alabama  Chattanooga BNA</p>	

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### About the National Black Nurses Association

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is a professional organization representing 308,000 African American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 108 chapters and 34 states. The NBNA mission is “to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health.” NBNA chapters offer voluntary hours providing health education and screenings to community residents in collaboration with community-based partners, including faith-based organizations, civic, fraternal, hospitals, and schools of nursing. For more information, visit [nbna.org](http://nbna.org). Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)! #NBNAResilient, #NBNA51stConference

**Dr. Martha A. Dawson, RN, FAAN, FACHE**  
**NBNA President**