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**NBNA Announces 2022 Scholarship Program Awardees for
50th Annual Institute and Conference to be held on July 26-31, 2022
#NBNA50thConference**





SILVER SPRING, MD, (July 20, 2022) - The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is honored to announce the 2022 Scholarship Program award recipients. The reception to honor the awardees will be held during the 50th Annual Institute and Conference NBNA Awards Ceremony in Chicago on Saturday, July 30, 2022, starting at 1:30 P.M. CST.

The theme of this year’s conference is ***“Bridging the Gap of Social Injustice and Health Disparities through Excellence in Nursing, Practice, Education, and Research.”***

Expecting more than 800 nurses and nursing students to attend, 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,” said Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA CEO and President. “Providing financial support to further the education of NBNA members professional growth has been a core part of our mission for 51 years. We are grateful for the ongoing generosity and support of our partners 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 access to care and health.”

2022 NBNA Scholarship Program Award Recipients

<p>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 baccalaureate or advanced nursing degrees.</p>	
 <p>Jessica A. A. Arter, MSN, RN University of Alabama, Huntsville Joint Nursing Science PhD Program Huntsville, AL Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area</p>	 <p>Nia A. Josiah, MSN, BA, RN, PMHNP, SAMHSA, MFP/ANA Fellow Columbia University School of Nursing New York, NY New York Black Nurses Association</p>
 <p>Ariana D. Parker-Robins Chicago State University Chicago, IL Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association</p>	 <p>Khalia Williams Chicago State University School of Nursing Chicago, IL Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association</p>

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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.



Dorothy Lorraine Anderson
Caldwell University
Caldwell, NJ
New Jersey Integrated Black Nurses Association

NBNA EBI PORBENI MEMORIAL (BE THE MATCH) SCHOLARSHIP – Two \$5,000 Scholarships

To honor EBI Porbeni's legacy, Be The Match is supporting diversity in the health care community awarding scholarships for nursing students that are interested in hematology and oncology. Nurse EBI engaged his 1.2M Instagram followers through his @nurselifern account to advocate for more individuals to join the "Be The Match Registry" as potential donors for patients in need of a blood stem cell transplant. EBI's efforts and influence added more than 15,000 individuals to the Registry – all while he courageously battled leukemia.



Juanikee Harris
Chicago State University
Chicago, IL
Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association



Trina Turner, MSN, RN-BC, LNC
Chamberlain University
Chicago, IL
Direct Member

NBNA SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

This scholarship is in the memory of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd and all men and women of color who have died because of racism.



Ariana D. Parker-Robins
Chicago State University
Chicago, IL
Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association

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.



Lukeythia Alice Bastardi, DNAP, CRNA
William Carey University
School of Nursing, Nursing Education
Hattiesburg, MS
Central Virginia Chapter of National Black Nurses Association



Katrina E. Charbonnier, CD
George Fox University
School of Nursing
Newberg, OR
Alliance of Black Nurses, Oregon



Michelle Eshiet
West Coast University Ontario
Ontario, CA
Council of Black Nurses, Los Angeles



Nyomi Celine Gibson
Molloy College
Hagan School of Nursing and Health Science
Rockville Centre, NY
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



Shernice Lemons, CNA, HHA, MA
San Francisco State University
School of Nursing
San Francisco, CA
Bay Area Black Nurses Association



Jasmine Diane Mason
Frontier Nursing University
Versailles, KY
Director Member



Dominika Proctor, RN
Ohio University
School of Nursing
Athens, OH
Grand Rapids Black Nurses Association



Katelyn Roberson, BSN, RN
Bay Path University
Longmeadow, MA
Western Massachusetts Black Nurses Association

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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.



Elena Qiana McDaniel
Jefferson State Community College
School of Nursing
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association

ARIZONA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS – One \$30,000 Scholarship and One \$10,000 Scholarship

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.



Karen Lyons, BSN
Arizona College of Nursing
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Miami Chapter, BNA



Dhana Clarke
Arizona College of Nursing
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Miami Chapter, BNA

AYA HEALTHCARE NURSES OF TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP – Five \$2,000 Scholarships

Aya Healthcare is sponsoring five scholarships for nursing students pursuing a baccalaureate or advanced degree that intend to work in stepdown, PCU, Cath Lab or CVICU areas. Recipients were chosen based on financial need and academic achievement.



Sabrina Rose Charles
Rutgers University
School of Nursing
New Brunswick, NJ
Northern New Jersey Black Nurses Association



Karen Clements
ECPI University
Virginia Beach, VA
Central Virginia Chapter of National Black Nurses Association



Mikel Lee Kendrick
Oklahoma City University
Kramer School of Nursing
Oklahoma City, OK
Oklahoma City Black Nurses Association



Elajah Trosclair
University of Cincinnati
College of Nursing
Cincinnati, OH
Black Nurses Association of Greater Cincinnati



Bedriyo A. Yassin, BSN, RN
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, MN
Minnesota Black Nurses Association

BAND AID® BRAND Black Healthcare Heroes in Nursing Scholarship Awards – Five \$10,000 Scholarships

BAND-AID® is awarding five scholarships to nursing students pursuing a baccalaureate or advanced nursing degree. Through the BAND-AID® Brand Black Healthcare Heroes in Nursing Scholarship, the brand is strengthening its commitment to elevating Black healthcare professionals with the goal of increasing representation and contributing to more equity in the nursing profession.







Crystal Marie Bailey
United States University
San Diego, CA
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis









JaShae' D. Jackson
West Coast University
College of Nursing
Richardson, TX
Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association

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	<p>Johnnie Mae Lovelace, RN Georgia Southern University School of Nursing Statesboro, GA Atlanta Black Nurses Association</p>		<p>Jaden Petrus Howard University College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Washington, DC Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area</p>
	<p>Nykkia Sellers University of South Alabama College of Nursing Mobile, AL Memphis-Riverbluff Black Nurses Association</p>		

<p>CONSTANCE & MARTHA BROWN SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000 Sponsored by a NBNA Board Member in honor of her mother, Constance Brown has a long history of service in community engagement, grant writing and service. She is a past president of the Central Florida BNA, and recently, she helped to secure a \$250,000 community grant to provide needed services to the underrepresented population in surrounding communities.</p>	
	<p>Oumie Jallow University of Louisville School of Nursing Louisville, KY KYANNA Black Nurses Association of Louisville, Kentucky</p>

<p>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.</p>			
	<p>Connie Sanders Brider, MN, RN, APRN, ACM Louisiana State University Health Science School of Nursing DNP Executive Leadership Program New Orleans, LA New Orleans Black Nurses Association</p>		<p>Kesha Levesque, MBA/HCM, BSN, RN Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing Charleston, SC Black Nurses Association of Baltimore</p>

<p>CVS/AETNA SCHOLARSHIP – Five \$2,000 Scholarships Aetna, a CVS Health company, in honor of National Nurses Month, donated \$10,000 in scholarships to give \$2,000 to five deserving NBNA nurse members to complete and/or further their nursing education: three (3) undergraduate registered nursing students, one (1) master's student, and one (1) DNP or PhD student.</p>			
	<p>Marilyn Araba Cobbinah The University of Texas Braithwaite College of Nursing and Health Sciences Tyler, TX Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association</p>		<p>Jah'Vonie J. Cooke, LPN Riverside College of Health Careers Newport News, VA Direct Member</p>
	<p>Shayla M. Cothron, BSN, RN Indiana Wesleyan University School of Nursing Marion, IN KYANNA Black Nurses Association, Louisville</p>		<p>Adenkie Marie Ajike Gbadebo, APRN, FNP, SANE-A Chamberlain College School of Nursing Chicago, IL Akron Black Nurses Association</p>
	<p>Metchersa Smith Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions Philadelphia, PA Southeastern Pennsylvania Black Nurses Association</p>		

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DR. MARTHA A DAWSON GENESIS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

This scholarship is provided by Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA 13th President, to encourage nurse leaders to continue their growth and development through formal education at the master's and/or doctorate levels. Candidate may be an RN seeking a master's, DNP, PhD in leadership or EdD.



Bryanna Unique Patterson, BSN, RN
University of Rochester
School of Nursing
Rochester, NY
Rochester Black Nurses Association

Maria A. Dudley Advanced Practice Scholarship - \$1,000

This scholarship is provided by Maria A. Dudley, a NBNA member, and is awarded to a nursing student pursuing a degree as an advanced practice nurse.



Nia A. Josiah, MSN, BA, RN, PMHNP, SAMHSA, MFP/ANA Fellow
Columbia University School of Nursing
New York, NY
New York Black Nurses Association

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 members pursuing a baccalaureate nursing degree.



Laura Dannell Harris, RMA
Davenport University
School of Nursing
Warren, MI
Detroit Black Nurses Association



Ottamissiah W. Moore, RN, WCC, DWC, CHPN
International College of Health Science
Department of Nursing
Boynton Beach, FL
Black Nurses of Southern Maryland

DR. SHEILA HALEY SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000

This scholarship is provided by Melissa Bishop-Murphy and Dr. (HON) Millicent Gorham in honor of Dr. Shelia Haley.



Ebony Heard
Jefferson State Community College
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association

JAYHAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000



Felisha Monique Famble
College of Coastal Georgia
School of Nursing
Savannah, GA
Savannah Black Nurses Association

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.



Khalia Williams
Chicago State University
School of Nursing
Chicago, IL
Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association

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MRS. OLA LOFTON SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000

This scholarship is named and given honor of 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.



Ashanti B. Hudson
Chicago State University
School of Nursing
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Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association

GEORGE E. MCGUIRE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$5,000

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



Charmaine L. Duckie, MSN, MSRN-BC, RN
Duke University
School of Nursing
Durham, NC
Central Carolina Black Nurses Council

NURSETHINK.COM SCHOLARSHIP - Two \$1,000 Scholarships

NurseThink.com is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to NBNA members going back to school or planning to be on faculty in a school of nursing or attending a pre-licensure program to become an LPN/LVN or RN.



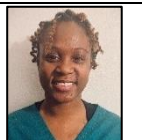
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Washington, DC Area



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MARGARET PEMBERTON SCHOLARSHIP - \$3,000

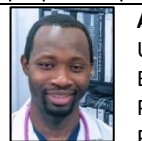
This annual scholarship is provided by Margaret Pemberton, a member of the Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area. This endowed scholarship is awarded each year to a nursing student from the chapter in the conference's host city.



Valorie S. Fraction
Chicago State University
Chicago, IL
Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association

SUNCREST CARE SCHOLARSHIP – Four \$2,500 Scholarships

Suncrest Care scholarships support entry level nurses and nurses seeking advanced degrees. Suncrest Cares' focus is to improve community wellbeing and to actively address issues of equality, equity, diversity and inclusion in healthcare for the purpose of promoting culturally congruent care.



Augustine Cassis Obeng Boateng, MPH
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Florence N. Ochieze, MHA, BSN, RN
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Patty L. Palmer, MSN, RN
University of Maryland Baltimore
Graduate School
Baltimore, MD
Atlanta Black Nurses Association



Melanie Wren, RN, BSN, MHCA, BS, AS
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL
Birmingham Black Nurses Association

DR. (CANDIDATE) ENA WILLIAMS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000

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



Victoria L. Jordan-Smith, MSN, RN
Samford University
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Birmingham Black Nurses Association

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.



Charity Sade Bean, Doula, CLC, CMA, CNA, SRN
Kaskaskia College
Centralia, IL
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis

DR. KENYA WILLIAMS HEALTH POLICY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000

This scholarship is provided by Dr. Kenya Williams to support nurses committed to health policy that are pursuing a master or doctoral degree (DNP/EdD/PhD) from an accredited college or university.



Bryanna Unique Patterson, BSN, RN
University of Rochester
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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.



Jason E. Glass
College of Lake County
Grayslake, IL
North Shore Black Nurses Association

To read more information about the NBNA Scholarship Program, visit [here](#).

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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. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)! #NBNAResilient, #NBNA50thConference

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