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**National Black Nurses Association and Lifepoint Health Announce  
Health Equity in Nursing Scholarship**

**SILVER SPRING, MD, (May 5, 2023)** – The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) has partnered with Lifepoint Health, a diversified healthcare delivery network dedicated to *making communities healthier*<sup>®</sup>, to award the **Lifepoint Health Equity in Nursing Scholarship** to five nursing students of color who 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:

- Acute care hospital (3 scholarships available)
- Inpatient rehabilitation hospital (1 scholarship available)
- Behavioral health hospital (1 scholarship available)

Part of the NBNA [Scholarships](#) program, the Lifepoint Health Equity in Nursing Scholarship will give \$5,000 to five eligible NBNA nurse members to support their education. Each scholarship recipient also will have the opportunity to partner with a Lifepoint Health clinical leader to receive mentorship throughout the duration of their education.

“NBNA applauds Lifepoint Health’s commitment to creating an inclusive, community-based healthcare delivery system that provides equitable opportunities for all people,” said Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA President. “We are thrilled to partner with the company to help attract and support diverse nursing students who will benefit from mentorship and financial support from the Lifepoint Health Equity in Nursing Scholarship program. We need more partners like Lifepoint that are willing to step up and address the lack of diversity in nursing and the current nursing shortages.”

Student eligibility and scholar selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Must be enrolled in an accredited nursing program within a public or private academic institution
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Applicants will submit an essay to include describing their interest in pursuing a nursing career at an acute care hospital, physical rehabilitation, or behavioral health setting

“Lifepoint cultivates and celebrates diversity, equity and inclusion among all members of our workforce, including our talented nurses, who play a vital role in advancing our mission of *making communities healthier*,” said Sonny Terrill, executive vice president, Human Resources for Lifepoint Health. “We are pleased to partner with the NBNA to offer this scholarship and help the next generation of nurses turn their career aspirations into reality.”

To apply for the Lifepoint Health Equity in Nursing Scholarship, click [here](#).

To become a member of the National Black Nurses Association, visit [www.nbna.org](http://www.nbna.org).

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### **About Lifepoint Health**

Lifepoint Health is a leading healthcare provider that serves patients, clinicians, communities and partner organizations across the healthcare continuum. Driven by a mission of *making communities healthier*<sup>®</sup>, the company has a growing diversified healthcare delivery network comprised of more than 50,000 dedicated employees, 62 community hospital campuses, more than 50 rehabilitation and behavioral health hospitals and more than 200 additional sites of care, including managed acute rehabilitation units, outpatient centers and post-acute care facilities. For more information about the company, visit [www.LifepointHealth.net](http://www.LifepointHealth.net).

### **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, 99,000 licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 111 chapters and 32 states and the District of Columbia. 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](#)!

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