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**NBNA Announces 2021 Scholarship Program Awardees for  
Virtual 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute and Conference to be held on August 4-8, 2021**  
*#NBNACelebrates50Years*

**SILVER SPRING, MD, (July 29, 2021)** - The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is honored to announce the 2021 Scholarship Program award recipients. The Scholarships and Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 7, 2021, 2-4 p.m. Eastern during the virtual 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute and Conference and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, August 4-8, 2021.



Expecting more than 500 nurses and nursing students to attend the conference, registration continues. To register for the virtual conference, members and nonmembers should go [here](#). More information about the conference and detailed agenda is located at <https://www.nbna.org/conf>. The theme of this year's conference is *"Celebrating 50 Years of Innovative Community Service, Practice, Education, and Research in Nursing."*

"We are pleased to award these NBNA scholarships. Providing financial support to invest in our next generation of nurses is an important part of our mission since NBNA was founded 50 years ago," said Dr. Sheldon Fields, Chair, NBNA Scholarships and Awards Committee. "They are our future and investing in their education is essential." "The pandemic has really taught the world how valuable health care workers and nurses are to our communities and we're ecstatic to support these students who have realized their calling for such a vital and in-demand industry," stated Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA CEO and President. "With the support of our generous partners, it's extremely gratifying to support these particular students in such a direct way."

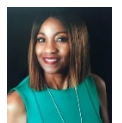
### **2021 NBNA Scholarship Program Awards Recipients**

#### **DR. LAURANNE SAMS SCHOLARSHIP - (4 \$1,000 Scholarships)**

The Dr. Lauranne Sams Scholarship is awarded to a qualified NBNA member based on scholastic achievement, financial need, and community service and who is in pursuit of a baccalaureate or other advanced nursing degree. The scholarship, which is named for the Founder and First President of the NBNA, has a proud and distinguished legacy. **The recipient must be an individual who truly represents the leadership, the commitment to service and the scholarship of Dr. Sams.**



**Constance M. Payne, MBA, MSN, HCM**  
Graceland University  
School of Nursing  
Florissant, MO  
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis



**Johnnie Mae Lovelace, RN**  
Georgia Southern University  
School of Nursing  
Statesboro, GA  
Atlanta Black Nurses Association



**Jessica Addai, MSN, RN, CCRN**  
 Millikin University  
 School of Nursing  
 Decatur, IL  
 Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis



**Mary E. Starks, BS, RN, CNOR**  
 University of Rochester  
 School of Nursing  
 Rochester, NY  
 Rochester Black Nurses Association

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

To support a qualified NBNA member in pursuit of a **baccalaureate or advanced nursing degree.**



**Nyomi C. Gibson**  
 Molloy College  
 Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing  
 & Health Sciences  
 Rockville Centre, NY  
 Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

**LYNNE EDWARDS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP - \$27,000 (5 \$5000; 1 \$2000)**

The scholarship is sponsored by Dr. Linda Burnes-Bolton, NBNA Past President. Dr. Burnes-Bolton *is a trustee of* the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Foundation contributes to the scholarship as part of the matching gift program. The scholarship is in honor of the mother of Dr. Burnes-Bolton, Mrs. Lynne Edwards. **The scholarship is for a nurse pursuing a PhD. The candidate must be able to attend the NBNA Conference.**



**Florence U. Johnson, RN, MSN, MHA**  
 University of Michigan  
 School of Nursing  
 Ann Arbor, MI  
 Northern Connecticut Black Nurses Association



**Patty L. Palmer, MSN, RN**  
 University of Maryland Baltimore  
 Graduate School  
 Baltimore, MD  
 Atlanta Black Nurses Association



**Gladys G. Amerson, MEd, MSHI, BSN, RN-BC, RRT**  
 The University of Alabama  
 Instructional Leadership for Nurse Educators  
 Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Birmingham Black Nurses Association



**Vanessa M. Arline, MSN/Ed, RN, MSRN-BC**  
 Capella University  
 School of Nursing & Health Professions  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



**Kendrick T. Clack, MS, APRN, FNP-C, AAHIVS**  
 Texas Woman's University  
 College of Nursing  
 Houston, TX  
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



**Nia Malika Martin, MSN-Ed, RN**  
 Loma Linda University  
 School of Nursing  
 Loma Linda, CA  
 Greater Inland Empire Black Nurses Association

**GERONTOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,500**

The Gerontology Scholarship of \$1500 is sponsored by Peggy Burhenn a graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Nursing, and a clinical nurse specialist with a specialty in geriatric oncology. **The scholarship is for a candidate pursuing a BSN with an interest in a career in geriatrics.**



**Shania F. Antoine-Gill**  
 University of St. Thomas-Houston  
 Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing  
 Houston, TX  
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

**NURSETHINK.COM SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000 (2 \$1,000 Scholarships)**

NurseThink.com is offering two \$1000 scholarships to students who meet the following criteria:

1. NBNA member **going back to school or who plans to be on faculty in a school of nursing**
2. NBNA member going to become **an LPN/LVN or RN (pre-licensure)**



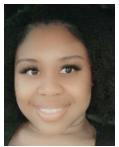
**India S. Wilson**  
 St. Louis Community College  
 Florissant Valley, Nursing  
 St. Louis, MO  
 Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis



**Jarris L. Coles**  
 Roxborough Memorial Hospital  
 School of Nursing  
 Philadelphia, PA  
 Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Black Nurses Association

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

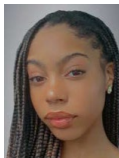
The Mrs. Ola Lofton Scholarship is given in memory of the 95 years old World War II nurse who passed away on January 6, 2019. **The scholarship will be given to a nursing student pursuing a BSN.** The scholarship is sponsored by Sandra Evers-Manly, CEO, Black Hollywood Education and Research Center.



**Daaima Jahaan Dorsey**  
 Chamberlain University  
 College of Nursing  
 Pearland, TX  
 Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

**FIGS NURSING GRANT - \$45,000 (3 \$15,000 grants)**

FIGS is sponsoring 3 grants to nursing students pursuing a **BSN degree or higher.**



**Jaden Petrus**  
 Howard University  
 College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences  
 Washington, DC  
 Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington DC Area



**Tanisha Leonard, RN**  
 Chamberlain University  
 School of Nursing  
 Chicago, IL  
 Birmingham Black Nurses Association



**Tonika Bruce, MSN, RN**  
Nova Southeastern University  
Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing  
Tampa, FL  
Wichita Black Nurses Association

**BAND-AID® BRAND Black Healthcare Heroes in Nursing Scholarship - \$50,000 (5 \$10,000 scholarships)**

BAND-AID® is sponsoring 5 grants to nursing students pursuing a **BSN degree or higher**.

For more than 100 years, BAND-AID® Brand has developed innovative healing solutions and supported those who are putting care into the world. 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.



**Kamiya C. Shosan**  
University of South Carolina  
College of Nursing  
Columbia, SC  
Midlands of South Carolina Black Nurses Association



**Ebonie Marie Fuller**  
North Carolina A&T State University  
School of Nursing  
Greensboro, NC  
Central Carolina Black Nurses Council



**Maya Marie Tureaud**  
Duke University  
School of Nursing  
Durham, NC  
Central Carolina Black Nurses Council



**Massa S. Sammah, BS**  
MGH Institute of Health Professions  
School of Nursing  
Boston, MA  
New England Regional Black Nurses Association



**Nkeiru Adoga, RN, MPH, PCCN**  
Minnesota State University  
School of Nursing  
Mankato, MN  
Minnesota Black Nurses Association

**OPHELIA LONG SCHOLARSHIP - \$6,000 (3 \$2,000 Scholarships)**

The Ophelia Long Scholarship is in memory of Ophelia Long, the 4<sup>th</sup> NBNA President. The scholarship is funded by Dr. Louis Sullivan, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Dr. Linda Burnes Bolton, NBNA Past President.



**Candice R. Shingles**  
Chamberlain University  
College of Nursing  
Irving, TX  
Metroplex Black Nurses Association



**Saunjii J. Jacobs, RN, BSN, IBCLC**  
Thomas Jefferson University  
Women's Health Gender Related Nurse Practitioner Program  
Philadelphia, PA  
South Jersey Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association



**Christian D. Garrett, MSN-Ed, APRN, FNP-C**

The University of Texas at Tyler  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
Tyler, TX  
Greater East Texas Black Nurse Association

**CHEROKEE UNIFORMS X NBNA NURSING SCHOLARSHIP - \$11,000 (4 \$2750 Scholarships)**

The scholarship is sponsored by [Careismatic Brands](#), the designer, manufacturer, and distributor of nurses' favorite scrubs brands, including Cherokee Uniforms, Dickies, Infinity, HeartSoul, and ScrubStar. Led by the American Nurses Association's 2020 Champion of Nursing Award recipient, Mike Singer, Careismatic and its people serve, understand, and champion the people in uniform who serve and care for others.



**Myiesha Peters, RN**

Louisiana State University Health Science Center  
School of Nursing  
New Orleans, LA  
New Orleans Black Nurses Association



**Kaydra Scott**

University of St. Thomas  
School of Nursing  
Houston, TX  
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



**Larissa S. Richard**

The Pennsylvania State University  
College of Nursing  
University Park, PA  
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association



**Imani A. Green**

Albany State University  
Department of Nursing  
Albany, GA  
Atlanta Black Nurses Association

**MARGARET PEMBERTON SCHOLARSHIP - \$3,000**

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.



**Jamesia E. Fransaw, BSN, RN**

University of St. Thomas  
Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing  
Houston, TX  
Black Nurses Association of Greater Houston

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

The scholarship is sponsored by VITAS Healthcare to a nurse or student nurse who is **interested in pursuing a career in end-of-life care**.



**Jessie T. Rivers, MSN, RN**

Aspen University  
School of Nursing and Health Sciences  
Denver, CO  
Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area

**MARIA A. DUDLEY ADVANCED PRACTICE SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

The scholarship is provided by Maria A. Dudley to a nurse pursuing a degree as an advanced practice nurse.



**Bryanna Unique Patterson, BSN, RN**

University of Rochester  
School of Nursing  
Rochester, NY  
Rochester Black Nurses Association

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

The George McGuire Memorial Scholarship for a nursing student whose focus is **social justice**. The candidate must be a nursing doctoral student or a nursing student in a master's program of study. The candidate must be a NBNA member for at least two years; must have completed at least one full semester/quarter in a graduate program; and must have at least one full semester/quarter to go to complete the program of study. This is an endowed scholarship.



**Kendra T. Greene, MSN, MHA/HCM, CCM, RN**

University of Phoenix  
Doctor of Health Administration Program  
Atlanta, GA  
Atlanta Black Nurses Association

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

The Scholarship is provided by Dr. Martha A. Dawson, Member, Birmingham Black Nurses Association. The Law of Legacy states, "True success is measured by succession." This scholarship is to support 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 master's, DNP, PhD in leadership or EdD who are pursuing a role in leadership or administration.**

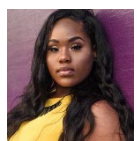


**Tjwana Dennis, MSN, RN, CWOCN**

Thomas Edison State University  
W. Carey Edwards School of Nursing  
Trenton, NJ  
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

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

This scholarship is funded by Lola Denise Jefferson to support a **generic BSN student** who is pursuing a nursing degree right out of high school. The scholarship is sponsored by NBNA former First Vice President, Lola Denise Jefferson.



**Trinity M. Cojoe**

Prairie View A&M University  
College of Nursing  
Houston, TX  
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association

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

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



**Samuel K. Farinloye**

Holyoke Community College  
Holyoke, MA  
Western Massachusetts Black Nurses Association

**DR. PATRICIA MCMANUS SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

This scholarship is provided by Dr. Millicent Gorham, Executive Director, National Black Nurses Association, in recognition of the work of Dr. Patricia McManus as a public health activist...advocating for communities of color around health access and health equity. The scholarship is awarded to a **nursing student pursuing a master's degree**.



**Crystal Marie Bailey, BSN, RN**  
United States University  
Nursing Department  
San Diego, CA  
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis

**DR. MILLICENT GORHAM SCHOLARSHIP - \$4,000 (2 at \$2,000)**

This scholarship is provided by Sandra Evers-Manly, CEO, Black Hollywood Education and Resources Center, in recognition of the work of Dr. Millicent Gorham, Executive Director, National Black Nurses Association. The scholarship is awarded to a **BSN nursing student**.



**Brandon Marquis Whitman**  
Chamberlain University  
Nursing Department  
Houston, TX  
Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association



**Danielle Terry**  
Lincoln University  
School of Nursing  
Lincoln University, PA  
Concerned Black Nurses of Central New Jersey

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

This scholarship is provided by Sandra Evers-Manly, CEO, Black Hollywood Education and Resources Center, in honor of Dr. Eric J. Williams, the first male president of the National Black Nurses Association. The scholarship is awarded to a **generic ADN or BSN nursing student**.



**Maria Antonia Rupp**  
St. Louis Community College  
Forest Park Nursing  
St. Louis, MO  
Black Nurses Association of Greater St. Louis

**JAYHAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,000**

The JayHal Foundation Scholarship is provided on behalf of Reverend Deidre Walton, Past NBNA President. The scholarship is provided to a **generic associate degree or BSN student** who has at least one year left to graduate; shows evidence of community service; and, has a GPA of 2.7 or above.



**Nyia Young, LVN**  
Tyler Junior College  
School of Nursing  
Tyler, TX  
Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association

**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.



**Jose Perpignan, BA, BS, RN**  
University of Rochester  
School of Nursing  
Rochester, NY  
Greater New York City Black Nurses Association

### **ARIZONA COLLEGE OF NURSING - \$95,000; \$45,000**

Two scholarships will be provided to nursing students attending Arizona College of Nursing for up to \$90,000 for full tuition and fees; and, a partial scholarship up to \$45,000 for tuition and fees.



Full Scholarship  
**Melissa Georges**  
Arizona College of Nursing  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Partial Scholarship  
**Moira Kirk**  
Arizona College of Nursing  
Dallas, TX

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](http://nbna.org). Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#)!

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