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**National Black Nurses Association Receives \$334,500 Grant
From the United Health Foundation for Diversity in Health Care Scholarship**

Funds will support 20 nurse scholarships and related funding to underrepresented minority students

SILVER SPRING, MD, (March 6, 2023) – The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) announced today it has received a four-year, \$334,500 grant from United Health Foundation’s Diversity in Health Care Scholarship program. The fund will provide 20 multi-year nursing scholarships to support NBNA members pursuing careers as registered nurses (RN) from the associate degree to doctoral level degrees in nursing or related fields, such as education.

“NBNA is excited about our partnership with the United Health Foundation and are appreciative of their extremely generous grant that will help to build a more diverse nursing workforce to impact health inequities in

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Diversity in Health Care Scholarship

our communities,” said Dr. Martha A. Dawson, NBNA President. “This multiple year continuous grant will relieve students of financial worries as they complete their program of study. United Health Foundation is living and proving its commitment to diversifying the

health workforce and increasing access to quality education and mentorship for students of color who are underrepresented in the nursing field and health system overall. Representation is important for nursing and for patients who receive care.”

The purpose of United Health Foundation’s Diversity in Health Care Scholarship program is to address persistent workforce representation challenges in the health care industry, in an effort to reduce ongoing disparities in health conditions, experiences and outcomes. The United States needs a larger and more diverse workforce that is prepared to provide culturally competent care to all patients. NBNA supports the United Health Foundation’s dedication to building a more diverse workforce of nursing professionals ready to deliver high-quality, culturally competent care to our communities.

“Building a more diverse health workforce is foundational to providing culturally competent care,” said Tracy Malone, President of the United Health Foundation. “We are grateful for the partnership with the National Black Nurses Association that will help connect our dedicated resources and support with outstanding student candidates. Alongside all of our partners, we are committed to leading the way to broadening access to care and advancing health equity.”

The breakdown on the \$334,500 donation is as follows:

The United Health Foundation’s Diversity in Health Care Scholarship, as part of the NBNA [Scholarships](#) program, will provide for 20, multi-year scholarships for eligible NBNA nurse members in support of their educational endeavors.

Student eligibility and scholar selection are based on the following criteria:

- Pursuing degrees (associate, bachelor, master, doctorate) that will lead to a career as a nurse
- Must have at least two years of study before their anticipated degree completion date
- Enrolled in an accredited academic institution in the United States as either a full-time or part-time student, in person or virtual attendance
- Must maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Identifies as Black/African American, Hispanic/ Latino, Native American/ Alaska Native or Asian or is focused on the health of these communities or other underrepresented racial/ethnic groups
- Commit to participate in supportive, wraparound support activities.

The aim of the United Health Foundation's Diversity in Health Care Scholarship is to promote a more diverse workforce which leads to better access to culturally sensitive health care for all Americans.

To apply to the UHF Diversity in Health Care Scholarship, please visit [here](#) for the application. To become a member of the National Black Nurses Association, visit www.nbna.org.

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About the United Health Foundation

Through collaboration with community partners, grants and outreach efforts, the United Health Foundation works to improve our health system, build a diverse and dynamic health workforce, and enhance the well-being of local communities. The United Health Foundation was established by UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) in 1999 as a not-for-profit, private foundation dedicated to improving health and health care. To date, the United Health Foundation has committed more than \$700 million to programs and communities around the world. To learn more, visit www.UnitedHealthFoundation.org.

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

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