

## NLN-Home Instead \$1,000 Scholarship Eligibility Checklist

| Eligibility Checklist   | Criteria Met | Criteria not met<br>(=ineligibility) |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited nursing program focusing in geriatrics and have completed at least one academic year. |              |                                      |
| Applicant must have 2 years' experience in the geriatric field.   |              |                                      |
| Applicant must provide proof of current or recent work in geriatrics/gerontology.   |              |                                      |
| Applicant must write a 500-word essay (described below) highlighting their goals to become a geriatric nurse or gerontologist.    |              |                                      |
| Applicants must provide one academic or professional reference addressed to the NLN Foundation.                                   |              |                                      |
| Applicant must make a commitment to use their degree in the geriatric population.   |              |                                      |

### Additional requirements for ALL applicants:

- GPA of 3.0.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.

## NLN-Home Instead Scholarship Essay Rubric

The following Review Rubric below is being used for the 2022 scholarship cycle.  
Components of the rubric are not weighted. Components that are missing will receive a 0.

| Criteria  | 4                           | 3                                      | 2  | 1  | 0= not addressed   |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Includes a brief review of geriatric career/ experience.  | Robust geriatric experience | Moderate geriatric hands-on experience | Minimal geriatric hands-on experience  | Only observational geriatric experiences                                     | No geriatric experience  |
| Discusses what led applicant to seek an advance nursing degree in geriatrics and/or gerontology | NA                          | NA                                     | Clear description of how/ why applicant became interested in geriatric nursing | Brief reference to how/ why applicant became interested in geriatric nursing | No discussion of how/ why applicant became interested in geriatric nursing |
| Describes future professional goals in this field.  | NA                          | NA                                     | Specific, realistic goals  | General non-specific goals   | No goals cited   |
| Identifies how this scholarship will assist in meeting the above goals.                         | NA                          | NA                                     | Clear, realistic, description of how the funds will help meet the goals        | Brief reference to how the funds will meet goals                             | No description of how funds will meet goals                                |
| Potential to impact geriatric nursing*  | NA                          | Significant potential                  | Moderate potential   | Minimal potential  | No potential   |
| The essay is a maximum of 500 words.  | NA                          | NA                                     | NA   | Essay is within 500 words  | Essay is over 500 words  |

\* Impression based on applicant's experience, interest in geriatric nursing, and description of goals.