

NLN Cecelia Lou Vriheas Scholarship Rubric

Eligibility

- Applicant must be the first generation in their family to pursue higher education
- Applicant must belong to an historically marginalized/excluded group including but not limited to Black, Indigenous, Native American, Pacific Islander, immigrant populations, those from rural areas
- Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited advanced degree nursing program (i.e. masters, doctorate).
- Applicant must have completed at least one academic year by the application deadline (May).
- Applicant must be in good academic standing.
- Applicant must complete the application as listed on the NLN website.
- Scholarship funds may go towards books, tuition, and research/project related expenses.

Application Requirements Checklist

Each proposal must include the below content areas. **Carefully review this [checklist and rubric](#). Incomplete applications will be disqualified.**

Scholarship Proposal Outline

1. **Introduction (Overview):** Describe your need for support and clarity of purpose. (Max. 250 words)
2. Description of your **Program of Study**. (Max. 500 words) i.e. dissertation, capstone, scholarly project, pilot project; quality project; change initiative).
3. Include specific **outline, timeline and projected graduation date**. (Max. 500 words)
 - If you have completed a dissertation proposal defense or had a DNP project approved, please include defense date. If project has been IRB approved, please indicate.
4. Describe how your study **links to NLN's [mission statement and core values](#)**. (Max. 250 words)
5. Describe your background and how it has contributed to your goals as a nurse educator. (Max. 250 words)
6. **2 Letters of Recommendation** addressed to the NLN Foundation. (Max. 500 words per letter)

Additional Documents

- **Budget Narrative.** Be sure that each line item on the budget is clearly justified.
- [Bio sketch form](#)

Please note that there is not a specific application template, however, each application should attempt to follow the order of the checklist and use headings indicative of these requirements. Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.

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Components of the rubric are not weighted.

RUBRIC GUIDE					
Eligibility	Yes	No			
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Application	Excellent = 4	Good = 3	Fair = 2	Poor = 1	0 = component not addressed
One full year completed and feasibility of completion, i.e. IRB approval for research, dissertation proposal defended, capstone project approved	Completion very feasible	Feasible	Fairly feasible	Little feasibility	Not feasible
Proposal is consistent with the NLN's core values of Caring, Integrity, Diversity & Inclusion, Excellence	Highly consistent with the goals	Consistent with the goals	Some consistency with the goals	Little consistency with the goal	No consistency
Potential for fulltime faculty position	Significant potential	Somewhat significant potential	Little potential	Very little potential	No potential
Quality of description of background and how it has contributed to applicant's goals as a nurse educator	Very detailed background information included	Detailed background information included	Little background information included	Very little background information included	No background description included
Clarity of writing, i.e. jargon-free syntax	Very well written	Well written	Somewhat well written	Somewhat poorly written	Poorly written - many typos and/or grammatical errors
Clear purpose of request for funding. Narrative explanation of why they need funding and how they'll use it.	Very clear purpose	Clear Purpose	Purpose mostly clear	Purpose not clear	Purpose not included or does not meet approved use of scholarship funds
Itemized Budget, i.e. detailed breakdown of where and how award will be spent	Budget very clear/expenses detailed and well justified	Itemized but lacks detail	Some itemization	Poor budget clarity and Justification.	Budget not included or doesn't meet approved use of scholarship funds
Letters of recommendation support:	Yes	No			
1. Feasibility of completion (includes proof of approval for research, dissertation, and/or capstone project)	Yes	No			
2. Alignment with NLN core values	Yes	No			
3. Potential for significant contribution to nursing education	Yes	No			
Overall comments, i.e. strengths and weaknesses					