

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

Eligibility Checklist	Criteria Met	Criteria not met (=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

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.