



Registered Nurses'  
Foundation of Ontario

# 2021

## Awards & Scholarships

### Brochure

*RNFO 2020 Awards & Scholarships Winners:*



# An introduction to the Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario

The Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario enhances and advances nursing practice, and contributes to the health of individuals by raising funds and stewarding sound investments to provide awards and scholarships to Ontario nurses and nursing students in all programs including RN, RPN and RN-EC.

Awards and Scholarships are available for study at the certificate, diploma, undergraduate, and graduate levels. A few awards offer support for continuing education or special projects that are not part of a specific academic program. In addition to this brochure, potential applicants should consult the [RNFOO Awards & Scholarships Eligibility Guide](#) to see the breadth of awards available.

The awards and scholarships administered by RNFOO are funded by contributions from individuals, estates, corporations, and organizations (Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) Interest Groups support many of the available awards). At this time, there are 56 awards available, with a total value of more than \$72,000. Some awards are still pending. We will update this document as soon as we receive information. We are grateful to all donors for their contributions.

In addition to the annual Awards and Scholarships described in this document, RNFOO administers two additional programs:

[Herbert T. Baily Memorial Fund for Nurses Recovering from Illness or Injury](#)  
[RNFOO Nurse Innovator Award](#)

For more information about either of these programs, please visit [www.rnfoo.org](http://www.rnfoo.org), or click the links above.



# Applying for Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario 2021 Awards and Scholarships

## Eligibility Requirements

### **RNFOO Awards and Scholarships are available to:**

- nurses registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario,
- students registered in baccalaureate nursing programs accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing
- students registered in practical nursing programs accredited by the College of Nurses of Ontario

### **Preference will be given to residents of Ontario.**

Unless clearly stated in the award description, applicants must be **currently\*** enrolled in a diploma, degree, or certificate program at an accredited institution.

Equivalencies: in descriptions of awards for students in baccalaureate programs, reference to years of study are applied as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a full program is equivalent to 1<sup>st</sup> year of a compressed or second level entry program.

3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of a full program is equivalent to 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a compressed or second level entry program.

*\* i.e. Winter 2021 school term*

Applications for RNFOO Awards and Scholarships must be submitted on-line through the RNFOO website: [www.rnfoo.org](http://www.rnfoo.org). There is a \$25 fee to register for the application process.

**By late-November 2020:** application process opens. Watch the home page of the website for details.

**Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 4pm EST:** deadline for completion of the online application.

**Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 4pm EST:** deadline for all supporting documents (transcripts, reference letters, confirmations of enrollment) to be received in the RNFOO office.

Please note that incomplete applications will not be reviewed. It is the **applicant's responsibility** to ensure that all supporting documents are received by the RNFOO office before the deadline. Watch for instructions on your application about tracking our receipt of your documents after January 18.

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# Section 1: Awards available to Nursing Students

## RPN program, Baccalaureate programs - 4 Year and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Entry

### **Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG) Northern Students Tuition Support Award**

(1 x \$1000)

To support a baccalaureate nursing student in the final year of their program, or a Registered Nurse who is enrolled in advanced education (certificate or degree) focusing on diabetes education/care for persons living with diabetes, and who demonstrates commitment to the cause of diabetes. Applicants need not be enrolled in a degree program but must be a member of the RNAO Diabetes Nursing Interest Group and have held membership for at least one year prior to application, and be living or working in RNAO Region 11 or 12\*.

*\*A nursing student studying outside of Region 11 or 12 must provide proof of a permanent address within the designated area.*

### **Lucy Glass Memorial Scholarship (1 x \$1,000)**

Recognizing Lucy's experience of undertaking her training as a nurse after many years away from formal education, this scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in a nursing program leading to registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario after a significant interval<sup>1</sup> away from formal education.

<sup>1</sup>*Expected to be at least 5 years.*

### **Mary Brunning Harkin Scholarship (2 x \$1500)**

To support a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse studying at the baccalaureate level, or a nursing student in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year. Applicants must show that their career path is dedicated to care of the elderly.

### **Maternal Child Nurses' Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Baccalaureate (1 x \$1,000)**

To support to a baccalaureate nursing student in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year. Applicants must display experience in and commitment to maternal/child or neonatal nursing within a hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG. Preference will be given to full time students.

### **Mildred Grace Harbour Memorial Scholarship (1 x \$1,500)**

To support a full-time student enrolled in a baccalaureate program leading to a Registered Nurse designation. Applicants should provide evidence of their ability to inspire others, and their practice of caring above and beyond standard expectations.

### **RNAO Region 6 Undergrad Scholarship (1 x \$1,000)**

To support a student enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 4-year Baccalaureate program, or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 2<sup>nd</sup> level entry program. Applicants must be a member of RNAO Region 6 for at least one year, and be willing to report back to Region 6 about how the scholarship has helped them. Preference will be given to students with a minimum grade average of 75%, who demonstrate through their volunteer work, commitment to healthy public policies.

## Section 1 Awards Continued

### Nursing Students: RPN or Baccalaureate programs

#### **RNFOO Tribute Award** (3 x \$1,000)

The RNFOO Tribute Scholarship is made available through donations received to honour or in memory of individuals over the prior year. The Scholarship is open to nursing students (PN and BScN programs) who have completed at least 50% of the program in which they are registered, who demonstrate excellence in clinical nursing care, and describe a strong commitment to their future professional goals. Donations to this award were received in honour of Phyllis Auckland, and in memory of Ola Lunyk Child, RN; Beverly Deann Holden Skinner; Angela Farrely, RN; Mike Kamstra; Jean Woolcott; David Witchel; Pauline Lepinskie; Wilfred Lee; Grace Marion Scott; Songmi Cho; John Werry; Rhonda Holland.

#### **RNFOO Undergraduate Scholarship 1-2** (Number and value of awards to be determined)

To support 1st or 2nd year baccalaureate nursing students (1<sup>st</sup> year of a compressed/2<sup>nd</sup> level entry program). Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing and potential to make outstanding contributions to nursing.

#### **RNFOO Undergraduate Scholarship 3-4** (Number and value of awards to be determined)

To support 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year baccalaureate nursing students (2<sup>nd</sup> year of a compressed/2<sup>nd</sup> level entry program). Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing and potential to make outstanding contributions to nursing.

#### **WeRPN: RPN Program Award** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a student enrolled in a Practical Nursing education program. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing and a patient-centred approach to care. Preference will be given to a full-time student.

#### **Sonia Varaschin Memorial Scholarship** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a baccalaureate nursing student in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year who has demonstrated leadership and a passion for making a difference toward healthy work environments.

#### **Staff Nurses' Interest Group Scholarship for an Aboriginal Student** (1 x \$1,000)

To support to an aboriginal student enrolled in a baccalaureate nursing program. Applicants should display understanding of the challenges facing First Nations Communities. Preference will be given to full time students who have completed at least 50% of their program.

## Section 2: Awards available to Nursing Students Any Level

**Graduate Level Students** should consult the note at the beginning of Section 4 (page 8)

#### **Dorothy Ferguson Scholarship** (1 x \$2,000)

To support a nursing student who is enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate nursing degree. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding leadership potential. Preference will be given to full-time students.

## Section 2 Awards Continued

### Any Level Students

#### **Toronto General Hospital, School of Nursing Alumnae Association Scholarship**

(4 x \$1,000)

To support nursing students pursuing education at the baccalaureate or graduate level.

Applicants must demonstrate outstanding potential and/or contributions to their chosen area of practice.

## Section 3: Awards available to Registered Nurses or Registered Practical Nurses

**Graduate Level Students** should consult the note at the beginning of Section 4 (page 8)

#### **Diabetes Nursing Interest Group Scholarship (DNIG) (1 x \$2,000)**

To support a Registered Nurse pursuing education (continuing education or degree) in the area of diabetes education and care specific to type 2 diabetes. Applicants need not be enrolled in a degree program. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate commitment to diabetes education and care with urban or rural communities with an indigenous population. Nurses of Indigenous origin are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be a member of the RNAO Diabetes Nursing Interest Group and have held membership for at least one year prior to application.

#### **Diabetes Nursing Interest Group Special Projects in Diabetes Award (1 x \$1000)**

To support a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner completing a special project focusing on diabetes. Applicants need not be enrolled in a degree program. The applicant must have proof of significant interest in diabetes research, education, and/or care, and be currently practicing, or intending to practice, in the field. As well, applicants must be a member of the RNAO Diabetes Nursing Interest Group and have held membership for at least one year prior to application. Applicants who have received a previous award from DNIG are not eligible for this award. The project description, including budget estimates, must be provided.

#### **Donna Kettyle Award - Ontario Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Award (OARN)**

(1 x \$1,000)

To support to a Registered Nurse who is enrolled in further study in the field of rehabilitation nursing. Applicants need not be enrolled in a degree program: they may be in a specialty certificate program, baccalaureate or master's degree level of study. Preference will be given to those whose focus of study demonstrates a positive impact on the promotion and development of rehabilitation nursing. Applicants must be members of the RNAO Ontario Association of Rehabilitation Nurses for a minimum of one year. Applicants can only receive this award once per degree, to a maximum of two times during their academic career.

## Section 3 Awards continued

### RNs and/or RPNs

#### **Evelyn Cameron Memorial Bursary – Pediatric Nurses Interest Group (PedNIG)**

(2 x \$1,000)

To support Registered Nurses who are enrolled in education at the baccalaureate or graduate level with a focus on pediatric nursing. Applicants must be members of the RNAO Pediatric Nurses Interest Group, and must demonstrate commitment to advancing the practice of pediatric nursing in Ontario.

#### **Josephine Flaherty Scholarship** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a Post-Diploma Registered Nurse or a Registered Practical Nurse, enrolled in baccalaureate education. Preference will be given to those applicants who demonstrate active volunteerism.

#### **Julie Hall Scholarship for Neuroscience Nursing** (2 x \$1,500)

To support Registered Nurses enrolled in education at the baccalaureate or graduate level with an interest in any aspect of the broad specialty of neuroscience nursing. Applicants may be involved in any area of neuroscience across the lifespan and the continuum of care. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in neuroscience nursing and indicate how they contribute to the advancement of clinical practice, education, or research within this specialty.

#### **Ontario Nursing Informatics Group (ONIG) Scholarship** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse who is enrolled in further education with a focus on informatics. Preference will be given to members of the ONIG.

#### **Regina Borowska Scholarship** (10 x \$1,000)

To support individuals who are enrolled in nursing education at the baccalaureate level. Preference will be given to Post-Diploma RNs, and RPNs who demonstrate potential to contribute to the advancement of nursing.

#### **RNAO Region 6 Post BScN Scholarship** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a Registered Nurse who is pursuing continuing education through a degree, certification, or attendance at a recognized nursing conference. Applicants not enrolled in an ongoing course must provide proof of paid registration for a conference that must take place between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Applicants must be a member of RNAO Region 6 for at least one year, and be willing to report back to Region 6 about how the scholarship has helped them.



## Section 3 Awards continued

### RNs and/or RPNs

#### **WeRPN: Post RPN Program Award** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a Registered Practical Nurse pursuing ongoing education (Continuing Education or RPN to RN Bridging Program) that will enhance patient care and patient outcomes. Applicants need not be enrolled in a degree program. Applicants must demonstrate a patient-centred approach to care.

#### **SE Health H.O.P.E. Scholarship** (1 x \$2,500)

To support a nurse (RN or RPN) who is enrolled in education at the baccalaureate or graduate level. Applicants must show that their career path is dedicated to the principles of the H.O.P.E. Model® (Home, Opportunity, People, Empowerment) in Community Nursing.

## Section 4: Awards available to Graduate Level Students

### **Special Note to Graduate Level Students:**

New for 2021: If you have submitted official transcripts for previous degrees to RNFOO Applications submitted before this year, you may not have to order those transcripts again. Contact the [RNFOO office](#) to confirm that your previous transcripts are available.

**YOU MUST SUBMIT A NEW TRANSCRIPT FOR YOUR CURRENT PROGRAM.**

#### **Dorothy Monteith Scholarship** (2 x \$2,000)

To support students who are enrolled in a graduate degree in nursing, with a focus on health policy, and who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential. The successful applicant may be studying full-time or part-time.

#### **Dorothy Wylie Scholarship** (1 x \$1,500)

To support a student studying nursing leadership at the graduate level.

#### **Dr. Hildegard E. Peplau Award – Mental Health Nursing Interest Group (MHNIG)**

(1 x \$1,000)

To support a student enrolled in graduate level education in psychiatric/mental health nursing. Preference will be given to those whose focus of study includes an interpersonal perspective in nurse-client, family, peer, or community relationships. Preference will be given to members of the RNAO MHNIG.

#### **Janet Anderson Memorial Scholarship** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a student enrolled in a graduate-level nursing program with a focus on quality and improving the patient experience. Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated leadership in nursing and with Caribbean heritage.

## Section 4 Awards Continued

### Graduate Level Students

#### **Dr. Joan Lesmond Memorial Scholarship** (1 x \$2,500)

Sponsored by SE Health to support a Registered Nurse who is studying diversity at the graduate level. Applicants should demonstrate that their studies are focused on equity and inclusion in the nursing field.

#### **Joyce Shack Memorial Bursary** (1 x \$1,200)

To support a student enrolled in a graduate level program whose career goals are focused on nursing administration. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate active involvement and leadership in the community.

#### **Dr. Sheela Basrur and GE Oncology Nursing Education Scholarship** (1 x \$2,000)

Applicants must be Registered Nurses, residing in Ontario, enrolled in a university graduate program with a focus on oncology, and intending to practice in Ontario following completion of their program.

#### **Maternal Child Nurses' Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Master's** (1 x \$1,000)

Applicants must be Registered Nurses enrolled in a master's program with a course or research project/thesis in maternal/child or neonatal nursing within the hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG and not a recipient of this scholarship within the past 3 years.

#### **Maternal Child Nurses' Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Doctorate** (1 x \$1,000)

Applicants must be Registered Nurses enrolled in a Doctorate program with a course or research project/thesis in maternal/child or neonatal nursing within the hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG and not a recipient of this scholarship within the past 3 years.

#### **RNAO Region 6 Doctoral Scholarship** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a student enrolled in a PhD program in nursing. Applicants must be a member of RNAO for at least one year, and be willing to report back to Region 6 about how the scholarship has helped them. Preference will be given to students whose research aligns with RNAO's values: respect for human dignity, commitment to diversity, inclusiveness, equity, social justice, and democracy.

## RNFOO Values

**Academic Achievement**  
**Partnerships**  
**Inclusiveness**  
**Accountability**

**Integrity**  
**Donor-Centered Stewardship**  
**Collaboration**

## Section 5: Research Awards

**Please note: Applications for Research Awards must contain one full research proposal. As noted in the [Research Proposal Guidelines](#), the maximum size is 10 pages. If your proposal is less than 7 or 8 pages, reviewers will not have enough information to score your submission.**

### **Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG) Research Award** (1 x \$3000)

This award will support a graduate level student in either a PhD, MScN or MN program who is conducting research focused on education, prevention, or management of diabetes. Applicants must have a **completed research proposal** that has been submitted for ethics approval. As well, applicants must be a member of the RNAO Diabetes Nursing Interest Group and have held membership for at least one year prior to application.

### **Nursing Research Interest Group (NRIG) Award** (1 x \$1,000)

To support a graduate nursing student who is in the process of completing thesis research. Preference will be given to Master's level students. Applicants must be members of the RNAO Nursing Research Interest Group for a minimum of two years, and submit a completed research proposal.

### **Provincial Nurse Educators Interest Group (PNEIG) Research Awards** (1 x \$3,000)

To support a Registered Nurse who is pursuing research in an academic or clinical setting focused on nursing education. Applicants need not be enrolled in a degree program. Applicants must be members of PNEIG. A budget detailing how the money will be spent, as well as disclosure of funding for the research received to date is required within the proposal. Funding received from the PNEIG for this project should be acknowledged in any publications or presentations that result from the project. Upon completion of research, a report of results must be submitted to PNEIG.

### **Research in Mental Health Nursing Awards - Mental Health Nursing Interest Group (MHNIG)** (2 x \$1,500)

To support a Registered Nurse (RN) completing research in the field of mental health nursing. Preference will be given to RNs who possess current CNA Certification in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing, whose research is focused on the advancement of mental health nursing practice and who are members of the MHNIG.

Applicants must have a **completed nursing research proposal** including a dissemination plan. Received funding from the MHNIG for this project should be acknowledged in any publications or presentations that result from the project. Upon completion of research, a report of results must be submitted to RNFOO and MHNIG. This report will be published in the MHNIG newsletter.

## RNFOO Mission

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