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2022 Awards & Scholarships Brochure

RNFO 2021 Award & Scholarship 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 62 awards available, with a total value of more than \$80,000. 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, or click the links above.



Applying for Registered Nurses' Foundation of Ontario 2022 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; award winners must have a Social Insurance Number.

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:

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

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

* *i.e. Winter 2022 school term*

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

By late-November 2021: application process opens. Watch the home page of the website for details.

Friday January 21st, 2022, 4pm EST: deadline for completion of the online application.

Friday February 4th, 2022, 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. You can track our receipt of your documents after January 14th.

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Section 1: Awards available to Nursing Students

RPN program, Baccalaureate programs - 4 Year and/or 2nd Level Entry

The Charlotte Noesgaard Scholarship (1 x \$2,000)

The Charlotte Noesgaard scholarship is awarded to a full-time undergraduate nursing student in the third or fourth year of the BScN program, (2nd year of a 2nd level entry program), who has demonstrated excellent academic achievement and advocacy. Applicants should provide evidence of their ability to inspire and advocate for others, and their desire to pursue a career in nursing founded in evidence-based clinical practice and advocacy.

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, have held membership for at least one year prior to application, and be living or working in RNAO Region 11 or 12¹.

¹A nursing student studying outside of Region 11 or 12 must provide proof of a permanent address within the designated area.

Karim Moosa Memorial Scholarship (1 x \$1,000)

To support a student enrolled in a Practical Nursing program at an Ontario College. The winner of this award will demonstrate deep care and compassion, and a commitment to working with the elderly population.

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 PN or BScN program after a significant interval² away from formal education.

²Expected 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 3rd or 4th 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 a baccalaureate nursing student in 3rd or 4th 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.

Section 1 Awards: Nursing Students Continued

PCNIG Baccalaureate Scholarship (1 x \$1,000)

To support a student enrolled in a baccalaureate/ bridging nursing program. Applicants should be able to demonstrate an interest in or understanding of the challenges faced by marginalized communities facing palliative care. Preference will be given to those who are members of PCNIG and have completed at least 50% of their program.

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

To support a student enrolled in 3rd or 4th year of a 4-year Baccalaureate program, or 2nd year of a 2nd 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.

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 Hannah Grosman, Mari Gill-Eyers, Margaret Blastorah, Dr. Deva-Marie Beck, Gail Donner, and Paula Mastrilli, and in memory of Mary Murphy, RN; Hilda Marie Gilmour (Park); Marlene Anne Bacon; Dutcy Francois; Elsie Irene Richards; M. Davidson Guthrie; E. Mitchell Allen; E. Lenny Scadding; Denise Lavalley Raymond; Patricia Duralia; Jeanette Gnaedinger; Judith Eve Gewurtz; Agnes Comak, RN; Maria Bontje, RNA.

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

To support 1st or 2nd year baccalaureate nursing students (1st year of a compressed/2nd 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 3rd or 4th year baccalaureate nursing students (2nd year of a compressed/2nd level entry program). Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing and potential to make outstanding contributions to nursing.

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

To support a baccalaureate nursing student in 3rd or 4th 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 1 Awards: Nursing Students Continued

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.

Section 2: Awards available to Nursing Students Any Level

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.

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)

Dr. Christine Newman Memorial Scholarship in Palliative Care Education (1 x \$1,000)

This scholarship honours “Dr. Chris” who was deeply committed to supporting continuing education, particularly for nurses in the area of her passion, palliative care.

To support a practicing RN, or an RPN who is becoming an RN and who expects to be licensed as an RN in time to sit for CNA certification in hospice palliative care (Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Nursing Certification CHPCN) to further their commitment to the care of persons and their families facing a diagnosis that would benefit from a palliative care approach. Preference will be given to those who are members of the PCNIG. If the selected applicant is not a member, part of scholarship will be used to secure their membership.

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.

Section 3 Awards: RNs and/or RPNs Continued

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 Kettle Award - Ontario Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Award (OARN)

(1 x \$1,000)

To support 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.

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.

Section 3 Awards: RNs and/or RPNs Continued

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, 2022 and June 30, 2023. 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.

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.

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.

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RNFOO Values

Academic Achievement
Partnerships
Inclusiveness
Accountability

Integrity
Donor-Centered Stewardship
Collaboration

Section 4: Awards available to Graduate Level Students

Special Note to Graduate Level Students:

Once again, we are offering to check our files for official transcripts from previous degrees that were submitted for RNFOO applications before this year. Contact the [RNFOO office](#) to determine whether your previous transcripts are available. You must make this request; we **do not** check automatically.

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.

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 \$1,500)

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.

Section 4 Awards: Graduate Level Students Continued

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.

PCNIG Graduate Scholarship (1 x \$2,000)

To support a part-time or full-time graduate student (Nurse Practitioner, Masters, PhD, Clinical Doctorate) studying an aspect of palliative care. Applicants must be involved in and demonstrate excellence in any area of palliative care across the lifespan and continuum of care, and indicate how they contribute to the advancement of clinical practice, education, or research in this clinical specialty. Applicants must be members of PCNIG.

RNAO Region 6 Scholarship - Doctorate (1 x \$1,500)

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 who have served in the RNAO and whose research aligns with RNAO's values: respect for human dignity, commitment to diversity, inclusiveness, equity, social justice, and democracy.

RNAO Region 6 Scholarship - Master's (1 x \$1,500)

To support a student enrolled in a Masters degree 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 who have served in the RNAO and whose focus of study, thesis or research is on nursing leadership and aligns with RNAO values.

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.

Section 5 Awards: Research Awards Continued

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, and research that addresses health inequities. Applicants must be members of the RNO 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. Funding received 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.

