

2010 ARNET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

of the

Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust

This information and application is for the ARNET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS in support of **degree studies** during the time period of **January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010**

Application Deadline and Important Information

Applications must be **received no later than March 15th, 2010** to be considered for review. Please read and follow these instructions carefully to ensure the completeness of your application.

Late, incomplete, faxed or emailed applications will not be considered for review.

Funding Supports Available

The Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust (ARNET) is a registered charity that actively seeks donor support to secure, manage and distribute funds in support of continuing education for Alberta Registered Nurses. We accomplish this through accountability and excellence in fund development and allocation, fiscal stewardship and effective partnering. The ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS of the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust recognize excellence in nursing studies and professional contributions by registered nurses studying at degree levels and are offered through the generosity of our donors.

Scholarships are awarded annually based on academic achievement and the applicant's strengths in nursing leadership, nursing research, professional contributions, administration, education and/or nursing practice. Scholarship supports are awarded at established values:

Post-RN **Baccalaureate studies** - \$1000.00 - \$1,500.00

Masters or Post-Masters Advanced Practice/NP studies - \$2000.00 - \$2,500.00

Doctoral studies - \$3000.00 - \$3,500.00

Named Scholarship Funds

Alberta RNs are fortunate benefactors of numerous named scholarship funds established by donors in specialized areas of nursing study. To maximize applicant access to **all** eligible funding supports, ARNET utilizes this **single application format** for access to each of the named scholarships administered by our charity. Our Selections Committee will review each application to determine if the application meets the established criteria for each of the named funds and awards the named scholarships based on the best match to the donor's funding criteria. This simplifies the application process for all ARNET applicants.

GPA Calculations

ARNET will calculate GPA based on the **five (5) most recent degree level grades** from your provided **official** university transcripts. If you have not yet completed educational programs that can provide 5 academic grades at the degree level, alternate funding supports may be available through the **Degree Level Educational Funding Reimbursements** of ARNET. For individuals commencing their Masters or Doctoral level studies, transcripts of your most recent degree level studies are appropriate and eligible.

Competition Outcome

The decisions of the Selections Committee are final. All applicants will be notified in writing regarding their application outcome. Please allow up to 10 weeks **after application deadline** for application processing. *Due to the anticipated high volume of applications, we regret that we are unable to respond to your telephone enquiries concerning your individual application status.*

Are there other funding supports available for degree studies?

ARNET also administers award funding in support of degree studies. Applications for **Degree Level Educational Funding Reimbursement Awards** and the other funding supports of our charity are available on our website.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Current **Registered Nurse** member of the College and Association of Registered Nurses (CARNA) during period of study.
2. Applicant is actively participating in degree-level studies in nursing or nursing-related programs during the time period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.
3. Applicant has completed a minimum of 5 academic programs at a degree level. GPA will be calculated based on the **five (5) most recent degree level grades** as calculated from the provided **official** university transcripts. If you have not yet completed educational programs that can provide 5 academic grades at the degree level, alternate funding supports may be available through the **Degree Level Educational Funding Reimbursements** of ARNET.
4. Previous applicants or funding recipients are encouraged to apply annually while completing their studies.
5. All applications and supporting information are confidential.

How Do I apply for a Scholarship?

1. Complete the attached application in full. *Resumes or Curriculum Vitae will not be accepted as a substitute for the completed application.*
2. Provide, or arrange to have forwarded to the offices of the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust, by **March 15, 2010**, current **official** academic transcript(s), which will provide a minimum of five (5) academic grades at the degree level. The 5 most recent academic grades will be utilized to determine applicant's GPA for ARNET review purposes. Transcripts identified as "*Issued to Student*" or photocopies will not be accepted.
3. Provide or arrange to have forwarded to the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust, by **March 15, 2010**, two (2) completed "*Professional/Academic Reference of Scholarship Candidate*" forms in sealed envelopes. **At least one academic reference must be provided.** The Selections Committee places considerable weight on the observations and statements made by the referees you have selected. *It is advisable to select referees that have considerable knowledge about your strengths and capabilities in the areas of leadership ability, professional performance, educational aptitude, clinical strengths and proficiency in nursing.* Thesis supervisors/educators, program deans or associates and/or clinical nursing colleagues are appropriate choices for referees.
4. Submit completed application and all supporting documentation to the offices of the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust. Applications must be post-marked or received **no later than March 15, 2010**, to be considered for review. **Late, incomplete, faxed or emailed applications will not be considered.**

How will the Scholarships be distributed?

1. A Selections Committee composed of registered nurses representing a diverse range of nursing practice and nursing education areas from across the province will complete a review of each eligible application received utilizing a process that ensures applicant confidentiality.
2. The Selections Committee will award the scholarships to the most qualified candidate based on a review of the academic transcripts provided; the information provided in the application and the observations and statements made by the referees chosen by the individual applicant. **At least one academic reference must be provided.**
3. Priority may be given to individuals who have not received prior scholarship support from the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust.
4. All applicants will receive written notification of the status of their application within 10 weeks of the application deadline. *Due to the anticipated high volume of applications, we regret that we are unable to respond to your telephone enquiries concerning your individual application status.*
5. Applicants who are successful in their scholarship application will be required to submit their Social Insurance Number to ARNET upon receiving notification of application status. T4A's will be issued to all scholarship recipients as required by Canada Customs and Revenue agency. Names of scholarship recipients will be published for the promotion of the ARNET scholarships.
6. Scholarships are individual, non-transferable and payable directly to the successful applicant.

Contact Information

Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

11620 168 Street Edmonton, AB T5M 4A6 Phone: 1-800-252-9392 Ext. 427

For additional information regarding alternate funding options please visit ARNET at www.nurses.ab.ca

2010 ARNET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP Application Form

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

| | | | |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| Last Name | First | CARNA Registration Number | Required |
| Mailing Address | | | |
| City/Town | Province | Postal Code | |
| Home Phone () | Email | | |

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF 2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

| Level of Studies | Type of Study |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post RN Baccalaureate | <input type="checkbox"/> Full time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masters | <input type="checkbox"/> Part time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post Masters – Advanced Practice/NP | <input type="checkbox"/> Distance studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral | |
| I commenced my studies for this degree program: Date | |
| I anticipate receiving my degree for these studies by: Date | |
| My major area of clinical focus or nursing interest is: | |

The degree I will obtain from these studies is:

From: (Educational Provider)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

| Dates | Employment Type | Position | Employment Location | Employer |
|------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|----------|
| / / mm/dd/yy to Present | <input type="checkbox"/> FT <input type="checkbox"/> PT <input type="checkbox"/> Casual <input type="checkbox"/> Not employed | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Administrator <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Member <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) | | |

NOTE TO APPLICANT

In addition to submission of this completed form by/or post-marked **by March 15, 2010** you will require the following documents to be received by ARNET for your application to be considered complete:

- **Official transcripts** of your five (5) most recent degree level studies
- **One (1) academic reference**
- **One (1) professional reference**
- **A brief paragraph** outlining the **impact your current educational studies will have on your nursing career.**

The ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS distributed by our registered charity are supported through the generosity of our donors and place emphasis on academic and professional excellence. **Please note that references and transcripts are key components of the scholarship review process.**

Additional funding supports are provided by ARNET through our Educational Reimbursement Awards. Information and applications are available at www.nurses.ab.ca

REFERENCES

Please list the names of two (2) persons from whom you will be requesting written support of your scholarship application. **At least one academic reference must be provided.** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the completed forms "Professional/Academic Reference of Scholarship Candidate" are returned to ARNET office no later than **March 15, 2010**.

Academic Reference

Full Name

Job Title/
Position

Institution/ Employer

Second Reference

Full Name

Job Title/
Position

Institution/ Employer

IMPACT OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

On a separate page (*one page maximum*), please describe the **impact your current educational initiative will have on your nursing career and your leadership within the profession.**

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

OFFICIAL educational transcripts showing 5 most recent degree level studies in support of my scholarship application will be forwarded to ARNET. I understand that transcripts are required for my application to be considered complete and have arranged for these transcripts to be provided from:

Educational
Provider(s)

Date Transcripts
Requested

*Please ensure that transcripts are provided to the ARNET office no later than **March 15, 2010**.*

COMPETITION OUTCOME

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DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that the above information is true and complete. I understand that any false or incomplete information submitted in support of my application may invalidate my application. I authorize the Selections Committee to contact my referees if necessary and to use my name in the promotion of the ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS of the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust.

ARNET does not share personal information with any organization other than as required by law. We maintain records for the purpose of distributing educational funding, charitable receipting, and research and campaign information. All information is kept private and confidential, stored in a secure location and accessible only by authorized individuals.

Signature

Date

Please submit your completed application by **March 15, 2010** to:

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ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP Review
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Edmonton, AB T5M 4A6
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2010 ARNET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP Reference

ACADEMIC REFERENCE OF SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE

Name of Scholarship Applicant _____

Name of Referee _____ Please Print or attach business card

Position _____ Educational Institution _____

Phone () _____

To Referee: Your cooperation and assistance in completing a reference is greatly appreciated. Your evaluation and statements provide significant information that the Selections Committee uses for consideration in the awarding of the ARNET ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS. The information will be regarded with complete confidentiality. Thank you for your support.

KNOWLEDGE OF SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE

In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

I was the applicant's _____ between _____ Date and _____ Date

SPECIFIC ABILITIES

For each category, please check the most appropriate box in the following chart.

| | Outstanding Top 10% | Superior Top 20% | Average Upper 50% | Below Average Less than 50% | Unable to Comment |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Academic Achievement | | | | | |
| Research potential/ability | | | | | |
| Teaching potential/ability | | | | | |
| Originality | | | | | |
| Industriousness/ Perseverance | | | | | |
| Organizational Skills | | | | | |
| Judgment/critical sense | | | | | |
| Oral Skills | | | | | |
| Written Skills | | | | | |
| Overall evaluation of scholarship candidate | | | | | |

GENERAL APPRAISAL

On a separate page, please provide a general appraisal of the applicant including strengths and shortcomings related to both their academic and professional experience and skill. Please provide examples of behaviour to support your ratings on the assessment form. Thank you for your valuable contributions to our scholarship process.

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PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC REFERENCE OF SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE

Name of Scholarship Applicant _____

Name of Referee _____ Please Print or attach business card

Position _____ Employer/ Educational Institution

Phone () _____

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