



2026 OFFICIAL EXCELLENCE IN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FORM GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Hudson Valley Magazine is proud to announce our 19th Annual **Excellence in Nursing** Scholarship Essay Contest.

We'll award \$1,500 to a motivated high school senior who plans to pursue a career in nursing at our **Excellence in Nursing Awards**.

To enter, you must be a senior at a high school in one of the following counties: Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster or Westchester.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Type (preferred) or print all requested information in the spaces provided. Essays must be typewritten.
- Applications must be clearly legible.
- All information must be supplied. If any information is incomplete, the application will not be reviewed.
- Do not send additional materials unless indicated.
- Please email completed packets and essays to pr@hvmag.com. Be sure to include "2026 Nursing Awards Scholarship" in the subject line.

For questions or clarification regarding the scholarship procedure, please email pr@hvmag.com.

The completed application includes:

- A completed application form.
- Essay (between 500-700 words) explaining why you want to be a nurse.
- Most recent high school or college transcript.
- Two current letters of recommendation (one from a teacher or guidance counselor) other than family members who are familiar with your skills and abilities.
- Copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores (if applicable to your educational plans).

Application Deadline: Applications must be POSTMARKED BY **February 2, 2026**.



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Siblings: Yes No If yes, how many: _____ If yes, # of siblings attending college: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Class Rank (if available): _____ Class Size: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

SAT SCORES Critical Reading: _____ Math: _____ Verbal: _____ COMPOSITE ACT: _____

POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

School for which aid is requested: _____ Expected Graduation: _____

My School: 4 year college/University 2 year college Vocational/Tech School Other

I will be enrolled: full time half-time or more less than half-time

I will live: on campus off campus at home

Intended major/minor: _____

Cost of tuition for one year: _____



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ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

Work Experience – (You may enclose a current resume in addition to filling out the chart)

COMPANY/POSITION HELD	FROM (MO/YR)	TO (MO/YR)	HOURS WORKED

Extra Curricular Activities – (You may attach a separate sheet in addition to filling out the chart if necessary)

List school activities in which you have participated, include sports, student government, volunteer projects, etc.

ACTIVITY	GRADES OF PARTICIPATION	AWARDS/HONORS	OFFICES HELD

Community Service – (You may attach a separate sheet in addition to filling out the chart if necessary)

List all community volunteer service you have performed. Include all special awards and honors.

TYPE OF ACTIVITY/ORGANIZATION	FROM (MO/YR)	TO (MO/YR)	AWARDS/HONORS

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of knowledge. I understand that the financial information will be considered confidential, for review by *Hudson Valley Magazine* only.

Student Signature and Date: _____

Parent Signature and Date: _____

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