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HISTORY OF THE ARMY NURSE CORPS ASSOCIATION

In 1976, a group of retired Army Nurse Corps Officers gathered in San Antonio, Texas and expressed their desire to continue the camaraderie and close ties of the Army Nurse Corps in retired life and to establish a means of communication by, for and about Army Nurse Corps retirees. From that dream the Retired Army Nurse Corps Association (RANCA) emerged and was incorporated in 1977. In 2000, the name was changed to the Army Nurse Corps Association (ANCA) to better reflect the composition of the membership.

In accordance with our stated purpose, the association is to provide educational and social opportunities for its members. In addition, the organization cooperates with the Chief, Army Nurse Corps in the preservation of the history of the Army Nurse Corps and promotes literary, educational, research, charitable and artistic endeavors. ANCA publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Connection*, for its members. A biennial reunion/convention is held in different cities throughout the United States in even years.

The membership is comprised of Army Nurse Corps officers from the Active Army, Army National Guard or the Army Reserve. They may be currently serving, retired or honorably discharged from one of these components.

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The purpose of this program is to award scholarship grants to colleges and universities (hereafter referred to as schools) with established and qualified baccalaureate or graduate nursing programs. The school uses the scholarship grant to provide financial assistance to one or more nursing students. Previous grants have been between \$3,000.00 - \$3,500.00 per school. The school chooses the scholarship recipient(s) based upon the established criteria of the school. The Army Nurse Corps Association desires that eligible students from the following categories be given priority. The school may consider submitting a scholarship application on behalf of a student(s) who fits one or more of the ANCA desired priorities. The desired priorities are as shown on the next page.

ARMY NURSE CORPS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITIES

(No rank order is intended)

- ✦ A nursing student who plans to enter the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve.
- ✦ A nursing student who has previously served in the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve.
- ✦ An Army Nurse Corps officer enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate nursing program who is not funded by the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve.
- ✦ An Army enlisted soldier in the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve who is working toward a baccalaureate degree in nursing and is not funded by the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve.
- ✦ A nursing student who has an immediate family member who is serving or has served in the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve This relationship may be husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister or step parents.

The fact that a student is receiving GI Bill benefits does not preclude him/her from receiving an ANCA scholarship. Students who receive a ROTC scholarship are not eligible; however, ROTC students not receiving a scholarship are eligible. Because ANCA does not have an official affiliation with the Army Nurse Corps or the U.S. Army, there is no military service obligation incurred by the student who receives scholarship funds through this program. Questions concerning service in the military should be directed to a military recruiter.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The scholarship grant application must be completed by an authorized representative of the school. The following must be answered in narrative format:

Name of School and Location: A brief description of the educational facility and the school's nursing program.

Accreditation: Indicate the school's accreditation status. If necessary, ANCA will verify this through the accrediting agency's website.

Internal Revenue Status: Comment on the tax exempt status of the college or university. If necessary, ANCA will request written proof of this status. Proof from the Internal Revenue Service may be included with the application.

Management of Scholarship Funds: Describe how scholarship funds received from ANCA will remain under the functional control of the nursing program.

Scholarship Award Criteria: The description of the ANCA Scholarship Program indicates that the school of nursing determines which student(s) receive ANCA scholarship funds. Please indicate what criteria are used and how the ANCA desires may be incorporated in the selection process.

Application For A Specific Student(s): (See ANCA Scholarship Information sheet) If the application is being made on behalf of a particular students(s), please indicate in the application the student's name, how he/she qualifies for the scholarship funds and his/her academic status, If he/she meets the desires of ANCA, please indicate how these are met. Scholarship grants will still be awarded to the school of nursing to be given to the student(s). ANCA cannot award funds directly to students.

Support of Army Nurse Corps Recruiting: Comment on activities to support recruiting for the Army Nurse Corps.

Agreement: The application should describe the method which will be used to notify ANCA of the recipient(s) of the scholarship funds. ANCA would like to have a member(s) present when the scholarship award is made to the student(s). The association would appreciate a photograph of the recipient(s).

Deadline for Submission of Applications

An application must be postmarked by April 1st of each year. Schools selected to receive a scholarship grant by the ANCA Education Committee will be notified by the Chair, Education Committee before the end of April. Receipt of an ANCA grant in the past does not preclude the school from receiving a grant in subsequent years. Please provide the USPS address, e-mail address and phone number (including extension) of the contact person at the school.

ARMY NURSE CORPS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

This portion of the application for a scholarship grant on behalf of a particular student(s) can be completed by the student and should be included. The ANCA Education Committee will use this information, in conjunction with information received from the school's application, when selecting schools for a scholarship grant.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Current and Ultimate Status in School of Nursing: (Type of nursing program, current status in that program and planned graduation timeframe.)

The following should be completed if the school is making application on behalf of a student(s) who fits one of the ANCA desires. Please check the applicable items and provide a brief description.

I plan to enter the Active Army, Army National Guard or the Army Reserve as a nurse. _____

I have previously served in the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve. _____

I am an Army Nurse Corps officer enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate nursing program *not* funded by the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve. _____

I am an enlisted in the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve studying toward a baccalaureate degree in nursing *not* funded by the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve. _____

I have an immediate family connection (husband, wife, father, mother, brother, sister or step-parents) to the Active Army, Army National Guard or Army Reserve through his/her previous or current service. _____

You may provide additional information on the reverse side or on a separate sheet.