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2010 NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Dear Colleagues:

Once again we are pleased to announce the Foundation for Quality Care Nursing Scholarship Programs. The Foundation for Quality Care, the research and education affiliate of the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA), will administer the **Ruth E. Stafford and James D. Durante Nursing Scholarship Fund Programs** for 2010. These Scholarship Fund Programs have been established to provide financial support to incumbent employees of NYSHFA member facilities who are also nursing students pursuing careers in long term care. The scholarship winners are selected by NYSHFA's Workforce Development Committee. Established in 1992, the Ruth E. Stafford Scholarship is for students entering or completing the Practical Nurse requirements for licensure. Three (3) One-Thousand Dollar Ruth E. Stafford Scholarships will be awarded this year. The James D. Durante Scholarship will recognize students pursuing licensure as a Registered Nurse and Registered Nurses pursuing advanced degrees in nursing (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Specialist.) Three (3) One-Thousand Dollar James D. Durante scholarships will be awarded this year. The six (6) scholarship recipients will be invited to attend NYSHFA's Annual Convention in June 2010 where they will be presented with their awards.

Scholarship Criteria and Submission Information:

Attached are the scholarship brochure, application and recommendation forms. We have also included a program poster (one per facility) you can post in your building to promote the program. At the time of application, and when the scholarships are awarded, applicants **must be employed by** a long term care facility that is a member in good standing of the New York State Health Facilities Association. Applicants must be currently applying, enrolled or accepted into an accredited LPN or RN program. Scholarships are for the 2010-2011 academic year; therefore, applicants must be taking classes during the Fall/Winter 2010 and/or Spring/Summer 2011 semesters.

Applications are due by February 1, 2010.

If you have questions regarding this program, contact Bryan E. Boeskin, Director of Resource Development & Grants Management at 518-462-4800 Ext 34 or email bboeskin@thefqc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard S. Patterson, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Richard S. Patterson, Jr.
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James D. Durante Ruth E. Stafford Nurse Scholarship Awards

The James D. Durante Scholarship will recognize students pursuing licensure as a Registered Nurse and Registered Nurses pursuing advanced degrees in nursing (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Specialist.).

The Ruth E. Stafford Scholarship is for students entering or completing the Practical Nurse requirements for LPN licensure.

Three James D. Durante and three Ruth E. Stafford scholarships will be awarded this year, each in the amount of one-thousand dollars.

The Foundation for Quality Care, a subsidiary corporation of NYSHFA administers the program. This Scholarship Fund has been established to provide financial support to nursing students pursuing careers in long term care.

The winners are chosen by NYSHFA's Workforce Development Committee. The scholarship recipients will be invited to attend NYSHFA's Annual Convention in June where they will receive their awards.

To Be Eligible, The Applicant Must:

Be a full or part-time employee of a NYSHFA member facility for at least *twelve months* prior to date of application. The applicant must be employed at the same facility at the time of the award presentation at the annual convention in June.

Be applying to or enrolled in / accepted to an accredited school of nursing program for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Upon successful completion of the course of study, scholarship recipients will work in a long-term health care facility for at least one year.

Application Requirements:

In order for your application to be considered, the following documents **MUST be included in your application package:**

1. A completed and signed application.
2. Your **Personal Statement** (see application for instructions).
3. **Documentation from your academic institution** as follows:
 - If applying to a nursing program, a copy of the completed application to the academic institution must be provided.
 - If accepted, new students must provide a copy of the acceptance letter from a nursing school before the scholarship is awarded.
 - Enrolled students must provide most recent transcript with grades.
4. **Three (3) letters of recommendation must be submitted.** Two from a NYSHFA / NYSCAL member facility, one of which must be supervisory level staff. The third should be from another source, i.e., academic, community, or professional.

Special Note: All recommendations must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the author's signature across the seal and be submitted as part of the application packet.

Previous applicants are welcome to apply.

Application Deadline:

**All Applications must be received no later than:
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

Mail Completed Applications to:

Bryan E. Boeskin
Foundation for Quality Care, Inc.
33 Elk Street, Suite 300, Albany, NY 12207

Awards Program

Each year the highlight of NYSHFA's Annual Convention (typically held the last week of June) is the Awards Program /Installation Banquet where we pay tribute to our award winners. These dedicated and caring professionals and volunteers are the backbone of our nursing facilities; without them we would not be able to provide the high quality care and services our elderly and infirm need and deserve. This brochure outlines the scholarship awards the Association and Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. offer.

Further information on eligibility criteria and deadlines can be obtained on the Foundation's website and is sent out in the NYSHFA Member Mailings.



For More Information:

Call 518-462-4800, Ext. 34

or

Visit our website at:

www.thefqc.org

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2010
James D. Durante & Ruth E. Stafford
Nurse Scholarship
APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information:		
Applicant Name:		Telephone:
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:

Employment Information:		
Facility Name:		Telephone:
Facility Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Applicant's Job Title:	Date of Hire:	Years Employed:
Facility Administrator's Name		

Educational Institution:		
Name:		Telephone:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Enrollment / Matriculation Date:	Expected Graduation Date:	

Type of Program Which You Are Applying / Enrolled:	CHECK ONE		
	Applying To	New Enrollee	Currently Enrolled
RN Program			
Advance RN Degree			
Advanced Practice RN			
LPN Program			

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Personal Statement:

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide your response to the following questions. Your responses must be typewritten and should be between 50 and 75 words per question. Include your name at the top of each response sheet and attach this information to your application.

1. Why did you choose to work in a long-term care facility?
2. After completing the educational requirements for your nursing degree, how will you use your knowledge?
3. List two challenges of long-term care and describe how you will help the long-term care community meet those challenges.

Recipient Data Questionnaire:

If you are awarded a Nursing Scholarship, you must agree to complete a data questionnaire that will request demographic, employment and educational information. The questionnaire must be completed and returned to Foundation for Quality Care, Inc.

Terms of Agreement:

I certify that I am in the process of applying, or meet all of the requirements for an enrolled student and/or a student in good standing at an accredited institution.

I certify that all of the information contained herein is true and correct.

If I receive a scholarship, I agree to complete a recipient data questionnaire, and provide the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. with transcripts, including grades, as proof of enrollment in a nursing program in the year in which my scholarship is awarded.

Applicant Signature:

Print Name:	Applicant Signature	Date of Application:
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RECOMMENDATION FORM

The following Applicant has applied for a Nursing Scholarship and has listed you as a Reference. Please provide the following information.

Applicant Information:	
Applicant Name:	Telephone:

Reference Information:		
Name:	Telephone:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Position / Title:	How long have you known Applicant?	
Employer:	In what capacity do you know Applicant?	

Description of Applicant's Qualifications:

Please describe why you believe this applicant would be a worthy recipient of a nursing scholarship using specific examples.

- Limit your answer to a maximum of 150 words.
- Please sign and date your recommendation.
- Place written recommendation along with Part A of recommendation in **sealed envelope** with your signature across the seal, and return it to the applicant for inclusion with the application materials.

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