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Leadership Nursing Program

Program Purpose

The Tennessee Nurses Foundation (TNF) Leadership Nursing Program is a scholarship program designed to enhance nursing leadership abilities by:

- Developing current and emerging professional nurse leaders from across the state.
- Establishing a statewide network of nurse leaders.
- Expanding the nurse's knowledge of the community with a focus on socio-cultural, economic, political, and ethical issues.
- Motivating nurses to serve as role models of increased involvement in the community.

Eligibility Process

TNF recognizes that in order for nurses to participate in public policy development, additional training may be required. This program provides an opportunity for you to choose a program on the local, regional, state, or national level.

If you're a Registered Nurse, you're halfway there. Participation is limited to members of the Tennessee Nurses Association (TNA). You must be practicing in Tennessee and demonstrating leadership qualities with a commitment to professional growth and a larger role of community leadership.

Next Steps

- First and foremost, if you're not a member of TNA, you must join! In addition to being eligible for this program, you'll have access to all the resources that TNA offers including money-saving benefits and up-to-the-minute information on trends and issues affecting your profession. Please visit the *Join TNA* page at www.tnaonline.org.
- Now that you're a member, you need to fill out a Leadership Nursing Program Application form and submit the document, with supporting information to Tennessee Nurses Foundation. The form is available by downloading it as a PDF file from the TNF Applications link in the Members Only area of the TNA website. Or by calling the TNF office at 615-254-0350 or 800-467-1350. Note: you will be asked to type in your member login information for the application. If you have forgotten your TNA Members Only area username and password, visit the login page and select to have your information emailed to you. The Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Nurses Foundation reviews grants twice each year. The deadline dates for submission of all materials is February 28, 2010 and August 31, 2010. If you miss a deadline date, your application will be reviewed after the next deadline date.

Your Responsibilities

Upon completion of the leadership program, you will be required to submit a:

- a certificate of attendance
- a written report on the program

to the Tennessee Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees, the Foundation's governing body. In addition, you may have the opportunity to make an oral presentation to the Board. The TNF Board manages, controls, and directs the affairs and property of the Corporation, subject to its Bylaws, and has all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the program.

Please note that scholarship funds will be distributed to recipients upon completion of the program and receipt of all required documentation. No funds will be distributed to recipient prior to the date of the program.

Please call 615-254-0350 or email the Tennessee Nurses Foundation (tnf@tnaonline.org) for additional information or assistance. TNF, 545 Mainstream Drive, Suite 405, Nashville, TN 37228-1296