



Tennessee Nurses Foundation

Nursing Research Grants

The Tennessee Nurses Foundation (TNF) provides grants to registered nurses engaging in scientific and other research projects focusing on nursing practice. TNF promotes the continued growth and development of nurses and services to advance the work of the nursing profession. The Research Grants Program has been founded to encourage the research career development of nurses. These research grants support scientific research for advancing the practice of nursing, promoting health and preventing disease.

TNF provides funds to beginner and experienced nurse researchers to conduct studies that contribute toward the advancement of nursing science and the enhancement of patient care. Awards are considered for all areas of nursing, including healthy patient outcomes, health care policy development, critical care, gerontology, women's health, community and family intervention. Preference will be given to TNA and related programs: appropriate staffing, workplace health and safety, continuing competency, workplace rights, and patient safety/advocacy.

1. General Information for Applicants

- A. Applications are to be submitted to the Tennessee Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees on, or before, the last day of February or August each year. If a deadline date is missed, your application will not be reviewed until after the next deadline date.
- B. Applications must include:
 1. Application form is available as a PDF file from the TNF Applications link in the Members Only area of the TNA website or by calling TNF 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.
 2. Abstract
 3. Proposal narrative
 4. Appendices if any
 5. Budget
- C. Letters of support must be provided by two persons who can verify the applicant's potential to carry out the project. One of these people must be an experienced researcher.
- D. Documentation of approval by Review board of the institution where the data collection will occur must be included with the application.
- E. Include human subject and/or animal protection approval form by the institutional Policies of the Research Grants Program.

2. The purpose of TNF's Research Grant program is to encourage qualified nurses to contribute to the advancement of nursing through original research.

- A. Applicants are required to meet the following criteria:
 1. Registered nurses with a current license.
 2. Have submitted a complete research application package prior to deadline dates
 3. Are ready to begin the project.
 4. Applicant/s must have been a continuous member of TNA for at least one year prior to the grant application.
- B. Allocation of funds is based on the quality of the proposed research, the future promise of the applicant, and the applicant's research budget. Applications from novice researchers who have received no other funding are encouraged.
- C. Each grant allocation will be determined by the amount of funds requested, the number of grants awarded, and the amount of funds available during the grant period.
- D. Awards will be made by the Tennessee Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees.
- E. When more than one investigator is listed, the first named individual will be the person with whom TNF will communicate and the investigator who will assume responsibility for the conduct of the research.
- F. Final reports are to be submitted to TNF on completion.