



# Tennessee Nurses Foundation

## 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 are a Registered Nurse, you are 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 are not a member of TNA, you must join! In addition to being eligible for this program, you will 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 Now* page at [TNAonline.org](http://TNAonline.org).
- Next step, you will need to fill out a Leadership Nursing Program Application form and submit the document, with supporting information to the Tennessee Nurses Foundation at [TNF@tnaonline.org](mailto:TNF@tnaonline.org). The form is available online at the TNF Scholarships & Grants menu under the TNF main menu, or by calling 615-254-0350. The Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Nurses Foundation reviews grants twice each year. The deadline dates for submission of all materials is the last day of February or August each year. 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.**



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BACKGROUND

Name First Middle Last Credentials
Home address Street City State Zip
Home Phone Email
Are you a member of the Tennessee Nurses Association? Yes No
Are you a registered voter? Yes No Years in Community

EDUCATION

Degree Certification

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Employer
Work Address Street City State Zip
Work Phone Email
Position Years with Employer
Immediate Supervisor
Has your employer agreed to pay your tuition? Yes No Partial—Indicate Amount \$

As a participant in a leadership program, you will be expected to attend all the planned sessions for their entirety. Do you and your employer support this expectation?

Applicant—Yes No Employer—Yes No

Signature Signature indicates agreement and support

PROGRAM DETAILS AND SPECIFICS

Locating a program is the responsibility of the applicant. This portion of the application deals with the details of the program. In order to be considered for a scholarship, questions must be answered. In addition, a program brochure must be attached to this application.

Program Title
Program Sponsor
Program Date(s)
Program Website (if available)

**PROGRAM DETAILS AND SPECIFICS—Continued**

Program Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Grant Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter any additional comments about the program here \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

List in order of importance up to five community, civic, professional, religious, social, athletic and/or other organizations in which you are an active member and how you have demonstrated leadership in these organizations. 1 = most important.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many hours per month do you devote to volunteer work? \_\_\_\_\_

**OPINIONS**

What do you consider your highest career/volunteer achievement or responsibility?

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What characteristics do you have that suggest you will be a leader in an organization which plays a significant role in the community?

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What do you hope to gain from participating in this leadership program?

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What ideas do you have for future community service? (e.g., seeking public office, volunteer leadership, serving on boards/commissions, etc.)

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**LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

Submit up to three letters of support from employers and members of the Tennessee Nurses Association. Letters of support must be attached to this application.

**Mail or Fax to:**

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Fax: 615-254-0303 • Questions: 615-254-0350 or email TNF@tnaonline.org