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The Solanges Vivens Nursing Scholarship

The District of Columbia Health Care Association recognized and honored Dr. Solanges Vivens, RN, MSNA, LNHA, D.H.L. on May 18, 2018 at their annual convention by presenting her with a nursing scholarship for her 47 years of dedication, contributions and achievements in nursing and Long-Term Health in the United States of which 42 of those years were in the nursing home profession in the District of Columbia.

Dr. Solanges Vivens would like to award this scholarship to a diverse group of future nursing graduates in the District, Maryland and Virginia - the DMV. *"The Dr. Solanges Vivens Nursing Scholarship"* will be primarily for students pursuing a degree in nursing and a license in Registered Nursing (RN). The scholarship will offer the recipient (s) financial assistance needed to pursue and complete their academic assignments while acquiring the knowledge and learning the skills required to be successful in the nursing and health care industry.

The following sets forth guidelines that the District of Columbia Health Care Association Solanges Vivens Nursing Scholarship ("DCHCA SVNS") will rely upon in evaluating requests for scholarship funds and making scholarship awards. Scholarships will be consistent with and awarded in compliance with all DCHCA SVNS policies and purposes.

Details and Application can be found on the DCHCA website. www.dchca.org

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET: May 23, 2019

Academic Nursing Scholarship Guidelines

Criteria for This Academic Nursing Scholarship

To be eligible to apply for this academic nursing scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

This academic nursing scholarship shall be awarded for use in an accredited degree-granting program in a college or university accredited by a nationally or regionally recognized accrediting agency, as defined by the United States Department of Education.

To be considered for this academic nursing scholarship, all applicants must submit a completed application form to the DCHCA, (vdamesyn@dchca.org) inclusive of the following documents:

- Transcripts from the applicant's current or most recently attended high school (secondary school), college, or university. Transcripts that have been downloaded, screenshot, or printed and scanned directly from the applicant's college or university website are acceptable for the submission of the scholarship application. However, every effort should be made to provide official transcripts directly from the student's university before scholarship funds can be released to scholarship recipients.
- Resume
- Two references who are not a family member.
- Short Essay on why the applicant needs the scholarship and why nursing was selected as a career choice.

Application Guidelines for this Academic Nursing Scholarship

Deadline for receipt of applications with all supporting materials for this nursing scholarship will be published on the DCHCA website, www.dchca.org along with other pertinent application information. **Application deadline is MAY 23, 2019.**

All applications and supporting materials for this nursing scholarship must be submitted in the format specified on the DCHCA website for each item and must be complete and verified before being considered by the DCHCA SVNS Application Evaluation Committee.

Only complete applications with all required supporting materials that are received by the published deadline will be considered by the DCHCA SVNS Application Evaluation Committee

Selection Process for this Academic Nursing Scholarship

All completed applications accompanied by all required supporting materials will be reviewed by the DCHCA SVNS Application Evaluation Committee to ensure that every applicant receives full consideration.

Applicants will be scored using a points system based on the quality of the content provided. The committee also will assess students based on previous academic performance and the alignment of a candidate's coursework with approved programs of study in the science of nursing. Applicants with a work history in Long Term Care will receive a 10% bonus point for their commitment to Long-term Care.

All decisions by the DCHCA SVNS Application Evaluation Committee are final and any attempts by applicants to lobby or persuade the committee during the process will result in immediate disqualification.

This Nursing Scholarship will be awarded in a manner that matches the higher monetary award amounts with the better qualified candidates who meet all the requisite criteria.

Award Guidelines for this Academic Nursing Scholarship

To be eligible for this scholarship payment, applicants must provide written proof of enrollment in a nursing program in the DMV area before the funds are released. Proof of enrollment must be sent directly to DCHCA SVNS from the college or university at which the applicant plans to use the scholarship, and generally takes the form of a letter from the registrar's office. Instructions for submission of proof of enrollment will be provided to successful applicants. Proof of enrollment must document the following:

- Enrollment in the fall semester of the application year
- Number of credits for which the student is enrolled
- Student enrollment status (full-time/part-time)
- Level of study (undergraduate/graduate)
- Program of study being nursing

Unless otherwise specified, scholarships are given for only one (1) academic year. The academic year for which the scholarship is provided will be identified in the award.

Successful applicants will be awarded only one (1) DCHCA SVNS award per calendar year.

Unless specified otherwise, applicants may submit scholarship applications for each calendar year during which they will be attending an accredited institution in a nursing degree-granting program.

Notice of Academic Scholarship Award

- Initial notice to scholarship finalists will be sent via email to the address provided on the application.
- All awards will be presented to the successful awardees at the DCHCA spring annual convention