



## Nursing Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Nursing Scholarship Program?**

The Ascension St. Vincent Foundation awards nursing scholarships each year to deserving Ascension St. Vincent associates who are pursuing degrees that will help them further their nursing careers. These scholarships are made possible by generous contributions of individuals, corporations, and foundations in recognition of the outstanding nursing care provided to Ascension St. Vincent patients and their families.

### **What are the requirements to be eligible for an Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Nursing Scholarship?**

Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Nursing Scholarships are available to nurses who have **completed at least one year of consecutive employment** at an Ascension St. Vincent Hospital (see list below), and are applying for or pursuing a degree at an accredited school that will help them further their nursing career at Ascension St. Vincent. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited institution.

### **Which Ascension St. Vincent Hospitals are eligible for nursing scholarship applications?**

Ascension St. Vincent Breast Center  
Ascension St. Vincent Cancer Care  
Ascension St. Vincent Carmel  
Ascension St. Vincent Fishers  
Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center  
Ascension St. Vincent Indianapolis - 86th Street  
Ascension St. Vincent Joshua Max Simon Primary Care Center  
Ascension St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital  
Ascension St. Vincent Stress Center  
Ascension St. Vincent Women's Hospital  
Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent

### **What if I am in the process of enrolling in school, but am not currently enrolled? Can I still apply for a scholarship?**

If an applicant is in the application process, he/she may apply with an explanation. Proof of acceptance must be provided to the Ascension St. Vincent Foundation prior to the release of scholarship funds. Documentation can include an official transcript from the last semester of enrollment, a letter of acceptance on school letterhead that includes a start date, or a letter from the school confirming the applicant's current enrollment on letterhead.

### **If I have received a scholarship in the past, am I able to re-apply?**

Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for a one-time renewal scholarship. Previous recipients can also re-apply if pursuing a new degree.

### **Do I need a recommendation in order to apply?**

The application must be completed in full, including one director/manager and two peer recommendations. Please note that these must be three (3) different individuals.

### **How many scholarships are awarded each year?**

The amount awarded changes each year based on available funds. In 2023, 53 scholarships were awarded totaling \$350,000.

**What do the scholarships cover?**

Awarded scholarships cover tuition costs and are made payable directly to the educational institutions of the recipients. It is very important that the applicant provides the address for the **BURSAR'S** office at their institution. This is not always the same address as the institution's mailing address listed on their website.

**Is the award of an Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Nursing Scholarship contingent upon the continued performance of services to Ascension St. Vincent after the scholarship is awarded?**

There is no requirement for recipients to continue employment with Ascension St. Vincent after the scholarship is awarded. However, it is our strong hope that this program helps retain excellent employees and encourages associates to continue their careers with Ascension St. Vincent.

**Who selects the scholarship recipients?**

A selection committee composed of Ascension St. Vincent hospital leadership, nurse managers, past scholarship recipients, Foundation board members, and donors reviews applications and selects recipients.

**When will the next scholarships be awarded?**

The nursing scholarship application cycle is typically February 1 through April 1 with recipients notified by June 1 and scholarship funds mailed directly to school bursar offices by June 30.

**What is the deadline to apply for a 2024 Nursing Scholarship?**

Your complete online application including essays, manager recommendation, and peer recommendations, must be submitted online by **midnight, April 1**.

**Does everything have to be submitted online?**

Yes. Your complete application, essays, manager recommendation and peer recommendations must all be submitted online through the [Edcor application portal](#).

**Do my references have to submit their recommendations online?**

All recommendations must be submitted online. The references listed in your application will receive an email invitation from Edcor, which will include a link to complete the recommendation online. It is highly recommended that you let your recommenders know that they will receive an email from **Edcor** ([scholarshipsupport@edcor.com](mailto:scholarshipsupport@edcor.com)) and should keep an eye out for this email in their inbox.

**What is Edcor?**

The Ascension St. Vincent Foundation has partnered with Edcor Data Services, to provide a comprehensive web-based solution for managing the Ascension St. Vincent Foundation Nursing Scholarship.

With Edcor's web portal you can easily

- Complete an online scholarship application
- Upload supporting required documents
- Request manager and peer recommendations via the website for online completion
- Receive up to the minute communications regarding application status
- Get prompt payment made directly to the college or university chosen

**Who should I ask to complete my recommendation forms?**

One recommendation must come from your current Ascension St. Vincent manager. Peer recommendations should be completed by two people who currently or in the recent past have worked closely with you. Please note that these must be three (3) different individuals. It is highly recommended that you let your recommenders know that they will receive an email from **Edcor** ([scholarshipsupport@edcor.com](mailto:scholarshipsupport@edcor.com)) and should keep an eye out for this email in their inbox.

**How do I access the application?**

Visit [https://edcor.smapply.us/prog/ascension\\_st\\_vincent\\_foundation\\_nursing\\_scholarship/](https://edcor.smapply.us/prog/ascension_st_vincent_foundation_nursing_scholarship/)

**Is there someone I can contact with additional questions?**

[scholarshipsupport@edcor.com](mailto:scholarshipsupport@edcor.com)

1-855-950-6301 (9am ET to 5pm ET Monday - Friday)