The Graduate Nursing Students Association (GNSA) offers five scholarships to graduate nursing students at the University of Manitoba, when funds are available. The awards will be valued at $2,500 at the Master’s level and $3,000 at the PhD level, for a total of $13,000 as approved by the endowment fund. The purpose of the scholarships is to promote excellence in academic and clinical settings by acknowledging and encouraging academic excellence and strong leadership abilities, including leadership in student governance.

The GNSA will notify Financial Aid and Awards by September 1st each year, to advise if funding is available to offer the scholarships. In any year that funds are available, the scholarships will be disbursed as follows:

One scholarship will be offered to a graduate student who:

1. is enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in the Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner stream;
   (a) if there are no full-time applicants who fulfill the terms of reference then a part-time applicant from the Nurse Practitioner stream may be considered for this award at the discretion of the selection committee.
2. has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in the previous 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study;
3. has demonstrated nursing leadership in the graduate program, in previous and/or current employment positions, and/or in the community at large.

One scholarship will be offered to a graduate student who:

1. is enrolled part-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in the Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner stream;
   (a) if there are no part-time applicants who fulfill the terms of reference then a full-time applicant from the Nurse Practitioner stream may be considered for this award at the discretion of the selection committee.
2. has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in the previous 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study;
3. has demonstrated nursing leadership in the graduate program, in previous and/or current employment positions, and/or in the community at large.

One scholarship will be offered to a graduate student who:

1. is enrolled full-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in the Master of Nursing, in any stream (not Nurse Practitioner);
   (a) if there are no full-time applicants who fulfill the terms of reference, then a part-time applicant from the Master’s streams, except the Nurse Practitioner stream, may be considered for this award, at the discretion of the selection committee.
(2) has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in the previous 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study;
(3) has demonstrated nursing leadership in the graduate program, in previous and/or current employment positions, and/or in the community at large.

One scholarship will be offered to a graduate student who:
(1) is enrolled part-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in the Master of Nursing, in any stream (not Nurse Practitioner);
   (a) if there are no part-time applicants who fulfill the terms of reference then a full-time applicant from the Master’s stream, except the Nurse Practitioner stream, may be considered for this award at the discretion of the selection committee.
(2) has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 (or equivalent) in the previous 60 credit hours of study;
(3) has demonstrated nursing leadership in the graduate program, in previous and/or current employment positions, and/or in the community at large.

One scholarship will be offered to a graduate student who:
(1) is enrolled full- or part-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in the PhD of Nursing program;
(2) has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in the previous 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study;
(3) has demonstrated nursing leadership in the graduate program, in previous and/or current employment positions, and/or in the community at large.

Candidates must submit an application that includes (a) a copy of their student academic history (certified transcript not required), (b) a letter outlining how they meet the requirements set out in criterion (3), and (c) one letter of reference to corroborate their leadership capabilities.

Recipients will be chosen based on the strength of their application, as determined by the selection committee. Where two or more candidates are otherwise considered to be equal, the scholarship will be offered to the candidate who has achieved the highest degree grade point average based on the last 60 credit hours (or equivalent) of study. In the event that two or more of these candidates are also tied with respect to degree grade point average, the scholarship will be divided equally among these candidates.

The Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will ask the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the College of Nursing to convene the selection committee for this award.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the donor (or designate) and the University of Manitoba. All such amendments shall be in writing. In the absence of the donor (or designate), and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to consult, the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

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