

## 2010 Call for Applications—Round 3

### Application Deadline

December 15, 2009



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

# Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing

### Purpose

The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing* is a scholarship program to help alleviate the nursing shortage and increase the diversity of nursing professionals. Through grants to schools of nursing, the program will provide scholarships to college graduates without nursing degrees who are enrolled in accelerated baccalaureate and master's degree nursing programs.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, applicant institutions must:

- offer an entry-level accelerated baccalaureate nursing program or master's nursing program for non-nursing college graduates;
- be accredited by a nursing accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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### Selection Criteria

Successful applicants must demonstrate that:

- scholarship funds will be used to assist in the recruitment and enrollment of students in entry-level accelerated baccalaureate nursing programs and/or master's nursing programs for non-nursing college graduates; and mentorship and leadership development activities will be offered to scholarship recipients at the award site.

Preference will be given to applicants that use the scholarship funds to leverage the expansion of faculty resources.

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Schools receiving funding will be responsible for selecting scholarship students who meet the following eligibility requirements and:

- are from groups that are underrepresented in nursing or from an economically disadvantaged background (e.g., underrepresented racial or ethnic minority or financially disadvantaged);
- are citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories at the time of application for the scholarship;
- have been accepted in an entry-level accelerated baccalaureate nursing program and/or master's nursing program for non-nursing college graduates;
- have completed a letter of commitment and;
- are committed to pursuing professional nursing licensure through the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®).

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### Key Dates and Deadlines

- **October 21, 2009 (2 p.m. ET) and November 6, 2009 (11 a.m. ET)**  
Optional Informational Applicant Web Conferences. Registration information can be found at [www.newcareersinnursing.org](http://www.newcareersinnursing.org).
- **December 15, 2009 (3 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of applications and supporting documents submitted online.
- **May 2010**  
Announcement of grantees.

### Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and the application process please contact the national program office:

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We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the full call for applications brochure at [www.rwjf.org/cfp/newcareersinnursing](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/newcareersinnursing).

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, visit Grant Applications at [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

Sign up to receive Funding Alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at [www.rwjf.org/services](http://www.rwjf.org/services).



### **Total Awards**

- A school of nursing may apply for between five and 30 scholarships per year to be awarded to students from underrepresented groups in nursing or disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Up to 400 scholarship awards will be made during this funding cycle.

### **Use of Grant Funds**

Schools of nursing are to use all grant funds to provide scholarships to selected students. Students may use the scholarship funds at their discretion to pay tuition, academic fees and living expenses.

### **How to Apply**

- Applications to this program must be made through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system at <http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/ncin3>.
- The deadline for receipt of the online application, including supporting materials, is December 15, 2009, at 3 p.m. ET.

To obtain instructions and apply online please visit the program's Web site or contact:  
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