

2012 Call for Applications–Round 5

Application Deadline

January 11, 2012



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 nursing programs.

Total Awards

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

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, applicant organizations must:

- offer an accelerated nursing degree program¹;
- be accredited by a nursing accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education; and
- comply with all requirements of the application.

Preference may be given to those applicants who may be either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is committed to programs that embrace racial, ethnic and economic diversity. Applications should address the applicant organization's past achievements and future plans to recruit and retain a diverse student body.

Additionally, individual award applicants cannot be related by blood or marriage to any Officer* or Trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, or be a descendant of the Foundation's founder, Robert Wood Johnson.

** The Officers are the Chairman of the Board of Trustees; President and CEO; Chief of Staff; General Counsel; Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; and Assistant Treasurer of the Foundation.*

Selection Criteria

This program has a two-fold purpose: to increase the number of nurses and to address diversity among nursing professionals. Given the need to increase the number of nurses, successful applicant organizations must demonstrate that additional resources will be used to leverage internal and external resources to expand their professional nursing programs.

RWJF is committed to programs that embrace diversity across multiple dimensions including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical

¹ "Accelerated Nursing Degree Program" means a program of education in professional nursing offered by an accredited school of nursing in which an individual holding a bachelors degree in another discipline receives a BSN or MSN degree in an accelerated time frame as determined by the accredited school of nursing.

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Key Dates and Deadlines

- **November 3, 2011 (2 p.m. ET) and December 1, 2011 (11 a.m. ET)**

Optional informational applicant Web conferences. Registration information can be found on the program's website.

- **January 11, 2012 (3 p.m. ET)**

Deadline for receipt of applications and supporting documents submitted online.

- **June 2012**

Announcement of grants.

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/ncin.

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation visit Grants at www.rwjf.org.

Sign up to receive funding alerts on upcoming calls for proposals at <http://my.rwjf.org>.



ability, religion and socioeconomic status. Accordingly, applications should address the applicant organization's past achievements as well as future plans to recruit, retain and sustain a diverse student body, including how funds will be used to:

- assist in recruitment of scholarship candidates for the accelerated nursing degree program from groups underrepresented in nursing² or persons who are economically disadvantaged³; and
- implement mentorship and leadership development activities for scholarship recipients at the award site.

Schools receiving funding will be responsible for selecting students for scholarships who:

- are from groups underrepresented in nursing or who are economically disadvantaged as defined herein;
- are U.S. citizens, resident non-citizen nationals or resident foreign nationals;
- have been accepted in an accelerated nursing degree program;
- complete a letter of commitment to the NCIN program; and
- are committed to pursuing professional nursing licensure through the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN[®]).

Use of Grant Funds

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

How to Apply

Applications for this solicitation must be submitted via the RWJF online system. Visit www.rwjf.org/cfp/ncin and use the Apply Online link for this solicitation. If you have not already done so, you will be required to register at <http://my.rwjf.org/login.do> before you begin the application process.

To obtain instructions and apply online, please visit the program's website or contact:

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² As defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), "underrepresented minorities" are racial and ethnic populations who are underrepresented in the registered nurse population relative to the percentage of that racial or ethnic group in the total population. This would include Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, and any Asian or Pacific Islander group other than Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Asian Indian, or Thai. According to National Sample Survey of registered nurses, males also are underrepresented in the registered nurse population relative to their number in the total population.

³ As defined by HRSA, an "economically disadvantaged" person comes from a "low income family," meaning a family with an annual income that does not exceed 200 percent of HHS's poverty guidelines; a family is a group of two or more individuals related by birth, marriage or adoption who live together, or an individual who is not living with any relatives.