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## 2018 NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Dear Colleague:

Once again we are pleased to announce the Foundation for Quality Care Nursing Scholarship Program. The Foundation for Quality Care, the research and education affiliate of the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA), will administer the *Ruth E. Stafford and James D. Durante Nursing Scholarship Program* for 2018. This Scholarship Fund Program has been established to provide financial support to incumbent employees of NYSHFA/NYSCAL member facilities who are also nursing students pursuing careers in long term care. The Durante/Stafford Scholarships will now be awarded to students/nurses in three categories:

### Skilled Nursing

Category I: Students pursuing licenses as a practical nurse or registered nurse. Two scholarships for \$2,000 each are available for the Category I Scholarship.

Category II: Registered nurses pursuing advanced degrees in nursing (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Specialist). Two scholarships for \$2,000 each are available for the Category II Scholarship.

### Assisted Living

Students pursuing licenses as a practical nurse or registered nurse. One scholarship for \$2,000 is available.

The winners will be selected by NYSHFA's Nurse Leadership Advisory Committee and awarded their Scholarship at the Annual Nurse Leadership Conference on May 3, 2018 in Verona, New York.

### **Scholarship Criteria and Submission Information:**

Enclosed are the scholarship brochure, application and recommendation forms. At the time of application, and when the scholarships are awarded, applicants **must be employed by** a long term care facility that is a member in good standing of the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living. Applicants must be applying to or enrolled in / accepted to an accredited school of nursing program for the 2018-2019 academic year.

**Applications are due by February 28, 2018.**

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact me at 518-462-4800 Ext. 20 or [nleveille@nyshfa.org](mailto:nleveille@nyshfa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Nancy Leveille'.

Nancy Leveille, RN, MS  
Executive Director  
Foundation for Quality Care, Inc.

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## *Scholarships*

These Scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Nurse Leadership Conference in Verona, NY. Awardees will also receive a free day of education at the two-day Nurse Leadership Conference.

Further information on eligibility criteria and deadlines can be obtained on the Foundation's website and is sent out in the NYSHFA/NYSCAL Member Mailings.



*For More Information:*

Call 518-462-4800, Ext. 20

or

Visit our website at:

[www.thefqc.org](http://www.thefqc.org)

James D. Durante  
and Ruth E. Stafford

## *Nursing Scholarships 2018*



**NYSHFA**  
New York State Health Facilities Association

**FQC**  
Foundation for Quality Care

**NYSCAL**  
New York State Center for Assisted Living

The Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. is an affiliate of the New York State Health Facilities Association, Inc. and the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA/NYSCAL).

## James D. Durante and Ruth E. Stafford *Nurse Scholarship Awards*

The Durante/Stafford Scholarships will now be awarded to students/nurses working in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in the following categories:

### Skilled Nursing

#### Category I:

Students pursuing licenses as a practical nurse or registered nurse. Two scholarships for \$2,000 each are available for the Category I Scholarship.

#### Category II:

Registered nurses pursuing advanced degrees in nursing (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Specialist). Two scholarships for \$2,000 each are available for the Category II Scholarship.

### Assisted Living

Students pursuing licenses as a practical nurse or registered nurse. One scholarship for \$2,000 is available.

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### *To Be Eligible, The Applicant Must:*

1. Be a full or part-time employee of a NYSHFA/NYSCAL member facility for at least *twelve months* prior to date of application. The applicant must be employed at the same facility at the time of the award presentation at the Nurse Leadership Conference on May 3, 2018.
2. Be applying to or enrolled in / accepted to an accredited school of nursing program for the 2018-2019 academic year.
3. Upon successful completion of the course of study, scholarship recipients will work in a long-term health care facility for at least one year.

## *Application Requirements*

**In order for your application to be considered, the following documents MUST be included in your application package:**

- 1. A completed and signed application.**
- 2. Your Personal Statement** (see application for instructions).
- 3. Documentation from your academic institution** as follows:
  - If applying to a nursing program, a copy of the completed application to the academic institution must be provided.
    - If accepted, new students must provide a copy of the acceptance letter from a nursing school before the scholarship is awarded.
  - Enrolled students must provide most recent transcript with grades.
- 4. Two (2) letters of recommendation must be submitted.**  
One from a NYSHFA/NYSCAL facility LNHA / Director of Nursing and one from a professional / community colleague.

**Special Note:** All recommendations must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the author's signature across the seal and be submitted as part of the application packet.

***Previous applicants are welcome to apply.***

## *Application Deadline:*

**All Applications must be received no later than:  
FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

#### ***Mail Completed Applications to:***

Joanne O'Connor | Foundation for Quality Care, Inc.  
33 Elk Street, Suite 300, Albany, NY 12207

Applicant Information:		
Applicant Name:	Telephone:	
Home Address:	E-mail:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:

Employment Information:		
Facility Name:	Telephone:	
Facility Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Applicant Job Title:	Department:	Year Employed:
Facility Administrator Name:		

Educational Institution:		
Name:	Telephone:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Enrollment/Articulation Date:	Expected Graduation Date:	

Type of Program Which You Are Applying / Enrolled:	CHECK ONE		
	Applying	New Enrollee	Currently Enrolled
Nursing			
Advanced Degree Nursing Student			
Advanced Practice Nursing Student, Doctorate			
Nursing			

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## Personal Statement:

name and date of birth of each applicant. Your response must be written in English and be between 50 and 75 words per question. Include your name at the top of each response and attach this information to your application.

- Why do you choose to work in a long-term care facility?
- After completing the education requirement for your nursing degree, how will you use your knowledge?
- List two challenges of long-term care and describe how you will meet the long-term care community's needs.

## Terms of Agreement:

I certify that I am in the process of applying, or meet the requirements for an enrollment in an approved program in good standing.

I certify that all of the information contained herein is true and correct.

I receive a scholarship to attend the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. with transcripts, including grades, a record of enrollment in a nursing program.

## Applicant Signature:

Print Name:	Applicant Signature	Date of Application:
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## The following items MUST be included with your Application:

1. Your Personal Statement (see instructions above).
2. Documentation from your academic institution (see brochure for details).
3. Two letters of recommendation (see brochure for details).

## Mail Completed Application Package To:

Sharon Connor  
Foundation for Quality Care, Inc.  
33 Elk Street, Suite 300  
Albany, NY 12207

If you have questions, please call: 518-462-4800, Ext. 23

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**2018**  
**James D. Durante & Ruth E. Stafford**  
**Nurse Scholarship**  
**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**The following Applicant has applied for a Nursing Scholarship and has listed you as a Reference. Please provide the following information.**

Applicant Information:	
Applicant Name:	Telephone:

Reference Information:		
Name:	Telephone:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Position Title:	How long have you known Applicant:	
Employer of Applicant:	In what capacity do you know Applicant:	

**Description of Applicant's Qualifications:**

Please describe why you believe this applicant would be a worthy recipient of a nursing scholarship. Using specific examples.

- Limit your answer to a maximum of 150 words.
- Please sign and date your recommendation.
- Place written recommendation along with this recommendation form in **sealed envelope** with your signature across the seal, and return it to the applicant for inclusion with the application material.

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 Foundation for Quality Care, Inc.  
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 Albany, NY 12207

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