



## Student Scholarships and Bursaries Increasing Your Chance for Success

1) A summary of each award can be found here: [www.usask.ca/nursing/awards](http://www.usask.ca/nursing/awards)

- Read the criteria for each award
- ONLY apply for awards where you fit the criteria

2) **Broaden your thinking about which awards you might qualify for.**

- Often awards need to be reposted because there were no qualified applicants. (eg. All applicants were in the wrong year, insufficient evidence sent, etc.)
- Many students skim over the list of awards criteria and automatically assume they don't qualify
- Keep in mind donors create awards in particular areas because they want to encourage nursing students to specialize or take a particular interest in certain areas
  - If a successful clinical placement in community health piqued your interest in learning more, apply for awards that support students interested in community health.
- Broaden your thinking about which awards you might qualify for and **take a second look!!**

3) **Submit all required evidence.**

- The **#1 reason why many students are disqualified**: they don't submit the proper evidence!
  - If the award asks for 2 letters – submit 2 letters.
  - If it asks for evidence of financial need – complete the financial need calculator found in your PAWS account.
  - Proof of ancestry is required for all Aboriginal student awards.
  - If you need a community reference – get a community reference.
  - If you are required to be from a certain hometown, make sure you submit that evidence (eg. Copy of your driver's licence or bill with the address).
- Start gathering your evidence well before the deadline.

4) **Write *your* story honestly and creatively.**

- Many awards ask for a letter from you about yourself
- When writing about yourself be honest and remember this is the time to *sell* yourself.
  - Brag about your achievements, include all volunteer work.
  - Bridge your story to the award criteria.
  - Boast about your dreams.
- This helps the selection committee know you better
- Keep in mind donors often receive the stories you've written. They want to hear how their investment in you will make a difference.

**5) Email your application form *and* evidence on time *and* to the right person!!**

- **NOTE: paper applications will no longer be accepted**
- ONLY emailed packages to [nursing.award@usask.ca](mailto:nursing.award@usask.ca) will be accepted

**6) When you receive an award, thank your donor.**

- Make sure you let your donor know how grateful you are. Write a thank you letter addressed to them and send it to the College. We will forward your letter to your benefactor.
- Donors often comment how excited they are to receive a thank you letter from a student
- This small act of kindness from you increases the likelihood that donors will continue to support other students at the College of Nursing.

**7) Questions?**

- Contact the [College Relations Officer](#)