

March, 2007

Dear Colleagues:

During the past five years, the Schools of Nursing have provided the candidates for the Children's National Medical Center's Pediatric Nursing Scholarship Award. With your continued support, there were twenty-eight (28) recipients since academic year 2000.

The Division of Nursing at Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) is positioned to meet the challenges of the current national nursing shortage dilemma. The Pediatric Nursing Scholarship program enables the organization to proactively sponsor and recruit a potential cadre of nurses who will continue the tradition of quality pediatric nursing. The Pediatric Nursing Scholarship Program is open to incoming senior baccalaureate nursing students.

The following are stipulations of the Pediatric Nursing Scholarship Program:

- ***CNMC employees are not eligible to apply for the Pediatric Nursing Scholarship Program.***
- ***The Scholarship funds are subject to tax withholding.***
- ***The recipients are required to pay back in full or on pro-rated basis the Scholarship amount when recipients do not:***
 - *complete the two years employment at CNMC*
 - *meet or comply all requirements (for example, failure to apply for licensure exam and other circumstances deemed failure to meet Scholarship expectations)*
- ***The Scholars must be present during the awarding ceremonies.***

The recipients, selected from the pool of candidates, will receive Scholarship funding from ***\$2,500.00 up to \$5,000.00 each***. The Scholarship is funded through the generous grant of **The James T. Johnston Trust**. Recipients of the scholarship will be provided clinical learning experiences and on graduation will be offered an opportunity for employment and entry into a one-year nursing internship program.

Pediatric Nursing Scholarship Program requires that students' scholarship candidates must:

- Be enrolled as a senior at the **undergraduate baccalaureate level** in a School/College of Nursing for school year 2007-2008
- Hold a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average
- Provide recommendations from two faculty including the pediatric faculty
- Submit a Clinical Exemplar (essay) about their philosophy of pediatric/neonatal nursing and why they would choose this specialty as a career path.
- Submit a resume
- Participate in panel interviews with nursing leadership at CNMC.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills and the potential to provide outstanding nursing care
- Agree to complete 120 hours of a senior clinical/leadership preceptorship experience at Children's
- Agree to remain at Children's Hospital for a period of one year following successful completion of the state board of nursing licensure examination and the nursing internship program

Please see attached documents for your review and information. Please recommend qualified students apply for the nursing scholarship. Through our collaborative initiatives we can expect to advance professional nursing into the future.

Sincerely,

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**The Children's National Medical Center's
Pediatric Nursing Scholarship Program Application**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Pediatric Nursing Scholarship Program at Children's National Medical Center. **Submit the required materials by March 23, 2007.** Top candidates will then be selected for an interview soon after. Scholarships will be awarded in May 2007.

(Note: Please see Pediatric Nursing Scholarship stipulations and requirements.)

Name: _____

Date: _____

School Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

School of Nursing Program: _____

The following documents must be submitted with your application:

_____ 1. Official school transcript – must hold a minimum 3.0 grade point average in a BSN undergraduate nursing program.

_____ 2. Letters of Recommendation from two (2) faculty members including the pediatric faculty member

_____ 3. Submit a Clinical Exemplar (essay) about your philosophy of pediatric/neonatal nursing and why you would choose this specialty as a career path.

_____ 4. Resume

Please submit the application by email or mail (send transcript by mail) to:

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