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Opportunity Scholar

SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Pathways into high-demand Washington careers for Washington students.

The Graduate Scholarship (GRD) provides valuable financial aid for students pursuing advanced degrees as nurse practitioners. The scholarship aims to increase the number of advanced degree health professionals providing healthcare in medically underserved areas. Total award value up to \$25,000 over three years. This Scholarship can be used to cover costs of attendance, including tuition, fees and other costs such as housing, transportation, food and more. You can also apply for a travel stipend when training at a remote site. Funding can be used for eligible Nurse Practitioner degree Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) six nursing schools in Washington state.

WHO IS WSOS?
Washington has one of the fastest growing state economies with more trade, health care and STEM jobs than we can fill. The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship aims to connect our state's leading industries with top Washington talent by reducing barriers to education and training. Working collaboratively with the state and industry partners, we launch low- and middle-income students.

APPLICATION MILESTONE	APPLICATION DATES
Application Opens	March 25, 2024
Application Deadline	May 14, 2024
FAFSA/WASFA Submitted	May 14, 2024
Recommendation Form Submitted	May 16, 2024

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WASHINGTON STATE
OPPORTUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP

\$25,000

Academic Scholarship to be distributed evenly over Scholars remaining terms in their DNP or MSN Program.

\$500

Per term travel stipend available to Scholars when clinical practicum site is 50 miles or more from home.

\$3,600

Preceptor site stipend available to eligible MUA or HPSA sites that host GRD Scholars for practicums.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria.

Residency

- Be a Washington state resident. In most cases a Washington state resident is someone who lives in the state for one year immediately prior to starting their college or program.
- There are other ways to be considered a resident. Please read the [WSOS residency summary](#) to determine if you are a Washington state resident.

Financial Need

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid ([WASFA](#)) for the relevant academic year by the application deadline.
- Apply for [Federal Education Tax Credits](#), if eligible.
- Either have a family income at or below 125% of [Washington state median family income](#) based on family size **OR** provide information on the application about current and expected student loan debt, past reliance on income-based programs and current financial situation.

Enrollment Plan

- Currently pursuing a specialty in Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGNP- primary care), Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Psychiatric Mental Health (PMHNP) or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP – primary care) in a DNP or MSN program at one of the following eligible universities: Gonzaga University, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University, UW Seattle or Washington State University (WSU Spokane, WSU Tri-Cities, WSU Vancouver).
- Applicants must have completed at least one semester or two quarters in their DNP or MSN program.
- Plan to have completed no more than 60 clinical practicum hours by the end of summer term 2024.
- Plan to complete at least one-half of the program's required clinical hours in a Washington state Medically Underserved Area ([MUA](#)) or Health Professional Shortage Area ([HPSA](#)) as designated by HRSA, and as assigned or approved by your program's Clinical Placement Coordinator for the quarter or semester.
- Be enrolled full-time as defined by your DNP program or part-time as defined by your MSN program.
- Be in good academic standing as defined by your DNP or MSN program.

Post-Degree Plan

- Intend to practice in a Washington state Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) as designated by HRSA for at least two years after program completion.
- Commit to sharing job attainment data post-degree completion with WSOS.

HOW TO APPLY: visit the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship [website](#) to apply! Applicants may start the application, save progress and return to complete it later up until their application deadline.