

# **SCHOOL NURSE ORGANIZATION OF MINNESOTA 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP**

**PURPOSE:** To Support the advancement of school nursing practice in Minnesota by assisting Licensed School Nurses to further their education and professional development.

**HISTORY:** In 2003, as a part of the School Nurse Organization of Minnesota's 100 Year Celebration of School Nursing in the United States, a nursing scholarship fund was established. Initial funds were received from individual SNOM members, the SNOM Board and corporate donations. Continuing funds will be encouraged to come from the above groups for an ongoing scholarship effort for Minnesota school nurses.

## **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Current and active membership in SNOM for at least the past three years**
- 2. Current license as a Licensed School Nurse in Minnesota**
- 3. Current employment as a school nurse**
- 4. Acceptance in an advanced level education, certificate or graduate program relating to some aspect of school nursing or pediatric care**

## **APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 1. Submit written verification of current employment as a school nurse**
- 2. Submit a copy of a current Minnesota School Nurse License**
- 3. Submit a completed application as indicated on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship form**

## **JUDGING:**

- 1. Scholarships will be rated on the following criteria:**
  - a. Educational goals 15 %**
  - b. Benefit to school nursing practice 60 %**
  - c. Impact on their school, community, and SNOM 25 %**
- 2. Scholarships will also be rated on the applicant's ability to briefly and concisely respond to the questions listed on the application form**
- 3. Scholarships will only be awarded to candidates who meet the established criteria and can demonstrate quality school nursing practice**
- 4. Scholarships will not be awarded if a qualified candidate is not identified**
- 5. The decision of the Scholarship Award Committee will be final and not open to appeal**

## **AWARDS:**

- 1. Single or multiple awards may be given each year – maximum total award(s) per year will be \$1,500**
- 2. Recipient's name(s) will be announced at the summer SNOM Board meeting by the SNOM president and published in the SNOMemo**
- 3. Recipient(s) will submit a written report back to the award committee in one year and submit a final written report at the end of the certificate or graduate program.**
- 4. Recipient(s) will label any article or product produced as "funded in part by SNOM"**

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

- 1. Postmarked no later than July 1, 2009**
- 2. Applications and supporting documentation must be sent to the current SNOM President and to the Attention of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Committee**