

South Carolina Nurses Foundation (SCNF)



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Welcome to Fall! Although the crisp, coolness of the autumn air is still yet to come, the energy of Fall is permeating the landscape. The leaves have only begun to change colors, and the roar of football fans from high schools to colleges echoes throughout the hillsides. The Fall semester has also begun, meaning many nurses and student nurses have started their quest to earn degrees to join the workforce or perform advanced practice roles to bolster the nursing profession and access to healthcare. Student nurses, nurses, and nurse practitioners are working diligently, whether for learning or serving. Now more than ever, they need your support to achieve their goals. SCNF will be engaging in multiple ways to award and provide scholarships to individuals seeking support to achieve their goals.

The Palmetto Gold nominations have begun and will conclude in October. Students in graduate and undergraduate programs can apply to receive scholarships. At the same time, hundreds of nurses are nominated for the excellence they bring to the nursing profession. Those nominations will lead to award recipients later this year. Nurses Care Scholarship recipients have received their hard-earned awards, while SCNF will begin looking toward next year's application process. The South Carolina Nurses Association (SCNA) will host the Annual Convention in Hilton Head's Sonesta Resort in October. There, SCNF will be on hand where donations can be accepted to support the foundation's mission and provide nurses and student nurses with the funds they need to realize their dreams. During the conference, You won't want to miss the SCNF President, Dr. Jason Thrift, and his Keynote Presentation on Innovations such as Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality in Healthcare. Later in December, Give Day will also allow you another time to donate to SCNF to support the foundation's mission.

To learn more about the mission of SCNF, scan the QR code to visit all of the links associated with the foundation.



Caring for others requires learning more, and learning more requires caring more.

If we strive to help individuals realize their dreams and ambitions of becoming nurses or advanced practice nurses, we can give to a common need that supports us all. We can help them overcome obstacles, be bold in our endeavors, and allow compassionate people who gracefully serve others every day to achieve their goals. Our humanity is what drives us to care for others more than we care for ourselves.

South Carolina (SC) needs more nurses. Nurses need scholarships. Becoming a nurse or advanced practice nurse takes massive effort financially, physically, and mentally. Earning a nursing degree at various levels has multiple commitments of years of education: RN and BSN can take 2-4 years; Advanced practice degrees add 2-3 years;

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.) degrees add another 1-6 years of education. With more highly educated nurses, patients receive better healthcare. SCNF's mission is to provide scholarships for nurses and to ease the burden of the cost of an education. Now is the time to consider giving to SCNF. You can donate in various ways. The QR code above links to all the relevant foundation websites. The license plate initiative shows everyone you are a nurse, with proceeds from the license plates supporting Nurses Care Scholarships. Just Cause Apparel gives 50% of the profits on scrubs sold to the person's charity of choice to assist nurses and nursing students with scholarships. Choose SCNF as the cause of choice, and they will handle the rest. Bequeathments from estates and "Friends of the Foundation" donations help offset the cost of running SCNF. The Board of Trustees for SCNF are volunteers. We understand how hard nurses work. SCNF is working hard to help nurses, but this cannot be done without you! We want to help people pursue their goals. Please donate today! ■

