

The West Virginia Center for Nursing Announces Scholarship Award
Amounts for 2007-2008 Academic Year

Charleston, WV—The West Virginia Center for Nursing is pleased to announce that they had awarded approximately \$170,000 during the 2007-2008 academic year.

These awards were distributed through four varying scholarships: Emergency Funding, Faculty, School Designated and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Teacher Certification Scholarships.

Each scholarship had varying criteria that must have been met in order to be eligible. The Emergency Fund Scholarship took into consideration the various life emergencies that arose in a nursing student's life. In order to have qualified, need must have been demonstrated by the student and had to be accompanied by a faculty member's request.

The Faculty Scholarship Program was designed to aid in those nursing educational professionals who were seeking Doctoral degrees. Each applicant had to be in a degree program and working at an institution in West Virginia.

The LPN Faculty Certification Scholarship required that an applicant be currently employed at an LPN school as a faculty member in West Virginia and working towards their teaching certification. This award could only be applied towards obtaining their state teaching certification. Applicants also had to agree to teach in West Virginia if they are selected as a recipient.

Various amounts of scholarship awards were given to colleges, universities nursing programs throughout the state of West Virginia. Each school designated the awards winners and amounts, not exceeding

a set amount for each degree/certification following regulations provided by the Center.

The West Virginia Center for Nursing was created by the legislature in March 2004 through the passage of HB 4143. The West Virginia Center for Nursing seeks to enhance and strengthen nursing excellence to optimize the health and healthcare of all West Virginians, through strategic workforce planning, education, research, and nurse practice development. The Center is funded through a \$10 surcharge paid by all licensed practical nurses and registered nurses at the time of their annual license renewal. For specific information regarding the West Virginia Center for Nursing and other work of the Center, or to read the annual report please visit our website at www.wvcenterfornursing.org , or contact Duane F. Napier, Executive Director, at 304-558-0838.

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