

# The McLean Scholarship for Nursing and Physician Assistant Majors



## GUIDELINES

### **Description & Purpose:**

The McLean Scholarship for Nursing or Physician Assistant Majors is provided through the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP). The McLean Contributionship established a generous endowment in 1998 to provide scholarship funds to full-time undergraduate students who are enrolled in a nursing or a physician assistant degree program.

### **Amount of Award:**

There will be eight (8) scholarships awarded for \$4,500 each awarded for the 2024-2025 academic year. The scholarship funds will be sent to the institution in one payment in mid-August 2024.

### **Qualifications for the McLean Scholarship:**

The student must be enrolled during the 2024-2025 academic year at a college or university that is a member of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP). Each applicant must also be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a nursing or a physician assistant program. Award recipients will have at least a 3.0 GPA. Ideal candidates are campus leaders and community volunteers. **Previous recipients of the McLean Scholarship are not eligible to reapply.**

### **Application Materials:**

Students must complete an application, write a required essay, and sign a verification page. Students are also encouraged to provide a copy of their academic transcript, a letter of recommendation, and any other materials that they feel will be helpful to the scholarship selection committee in making their decision.

### **Submission Process:**

Each AICUP institution is asked to select **ONE** student application to submit to AICUP for the scholarship competition. (Please do not advise students to send their application directly to AICUP as it will not be accepted.)

The application materials for ONE student must be combined into a single PDF file with the student's name and institution name used as the filename. The PDF file should be emailed to Gayle Baker, AICUP Manager of Research and Special Studies, at baker@aicup.org. **Applications must be submitted to AICUP by June 7, 2024.** If you have any questions about this submission process, please contact Gayle Baker at the email address above or phone 717-232-8649, ext. 229. *Please do not send the application to the AICUP office via postal mail or other delivery service.*

### **Award Notification:**

Each student chosen to receive a scholarship will be notified by AICUP by email in early August 2024. AICUP will mail a check to the financial aid office at each recipient's school in mid-August 2024 with instructions to apply the award to the student's account. Scholarship recipients will be advised to notify their school's financial aid office if the money is not applied to their account in a reasonable amount of time. We also ask that each scholarship recipient acknowledge receipt of the award through a "thank you" letter to the McLean Contributionship.



## McLean Scholarship Essay Requirement

Please write a brief essay describing your college experience, including the following information in your essay:

- Why did you choose your major?
- What steps are you taking to insure that you succeed in your major?
- What do you plan to do upon graduating and what are your academic/career goals?
- Please describe the primary volunteer/extracurricular activities in which you participate. How do these activities relate to your major, and what leadership roles have you have taken on?

Please limit your essay to two (2) double-spaced pages. You must use 1-inch margins (left, right, top & bottom) in your document. Use a font that is easily readable and a font size of 11 or larger. **Failure to follow these guidelines could mean that you will not be considered for the McLean Scholarship.**

*In addition to your application and required essay, you are encouraged to submit a copy of your academic transcript, a letter of recommendation, and any other materials that you feel will be helpful to the scholarship selection committee in making their decision.*

Your completed application, essay, and signed certification page should be returned to your financial aid office no later than May 31, 2024.



**STUDENT APPLICANT: Certification and Authorization**

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application and in my scholarship essay is complete and accurate. I authorize the release of information from my college or university to the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) to confirm the information contained in this application.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ By initialing here, I also permit AICUP to use my name and institution and a quote from my essay in a news release and other promotional material should I be selected as a recipient of the 2024-2025 McLean Scholarship.

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**The section below should be completed by the financial aid office at your college or university.**

**FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: Confirmation**

By my signature below, I confirm that my institution is nominating the above student for consideration of receiving the 2024-2025 McLean Scholarship awarded through the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania.

Name of Financial Aid Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Financial Aid Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Application deadline to AICUP is June 7, 2024

## McLEAN SCHOLARSHIP – FAQs

**Q. Can a student receive the scholarship if they are not a U.S. Citizen?**

A. Yes, the student recipient does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

**Q. Can a student receive the scholarship if they are a freshman?**

A. Yes, the student can be a freshman, However, the McLean Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in a nursing or physician assistant degree program. In many cases this criterion cannot be met at the freshman level.

**Q. Can a student receive the scholarship if they are a graduate or first professional student?**

A. No, the student must be an undergraduate student during the 2024-2025 academic year.

**Q. Can a student receive the scholarship if they are enrolled as a part-time student?**

A. The student must be enrolled full-time for at least one semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

**Q. Can a student receive the scholarship if they are enrolled for only one semester of the 2024-2025 academic year (e.g., they are studying abroad or have completed degree requirements and are graduating early)?**

A. Yes, a student is eligible for the scholarship as long as they will be an enrolled full-time student for at least one semester.

**Q. When can we expect to receive the scholarship money and to whom on campus is the money sent?**

A. You can expect a check for the award money to be sent to your Financial Aid Office in mid-August 2024.

**Q. Can a previous recipient of the McLean Scholarship apply again?**

A. No, previous recipients of the McLean Scholarship are not eligible to reapply for the scholarship. However, previous applicants for the McLean Scholarship, who were not selected for an award, may reapply.



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

## *McLean Scholarship for Nursing and Physician Assistant Majors*

**Who is eligible:** All undergraduate students who are enrolled full-time in a nursing or physician assistant degree program at an AICUP school. The applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA and should be a campus leader and community volunteer. Previous recipients of this scholarship may not reapply.

**How to apply:** Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be returned to the Financial Aid Office for submission.

**Deadline to apply:** Applications must be received by AICUP no later than **Friday, June 7, 2024** to be considered. (Please check with your Financial Aid office for any internal deadlines you must meet.)

**\*For more information on this scholarship opportunity, please contact the Financial Aid Office.**

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