



Rankin SON Policy on Nursing Student Awards

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PURPOSE

Through the generosity of several benefactors, the Rankin School of Nursing can award a variety of scholarships and awards to recognize nursing students who exhibit strong leadership ability, exceptional performance in nursing practice, or outstanding ability in the conduct of research.

This policy guides the application process for SON scholarships and awards.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all nursing students in the SON.

DEFINITIONS

Word/Term	Definition
SON	Rankin School of Nursing
AAD	Academic Administrative Assistant
Freshman	Semester 1 & 2 (First Year)
Sophomore	Semester 3 & 4 (Second Year)
Junior	Semester 5 & 6 (Third Year)
Senior	Semester 7 & 8 (Fourth Year)

POLICY

This policy ensures a fair and equitable process in student award selection is followed.

PROCEDURE

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
1. Application Process	
1.1 A list of the various awards and their criteria are located on the SON website. Timely reminders about the availability of these awards and the application/nomination process, including deadlines, will be sent	AA Faculty

- to students, faculty and nurse educators (via Awards Chair and Academic Administrative Assistant).
- 1.2 Students may apply for the scholarships and awards for which they are deemed eligible by completing and submitting an electronic copy of the online application form(s) along with a copy of **their** unofficial transcript (**including midterm grades for the December scholarships**) to our Academic Administrative Assistant by the designated date. Student
- 1.3 Faculty and nurse educators may nominate a current student using the same process. Faculty and nurse educator's submission deadline is **7 days** following the student submission deadline. Student
Faculty
Nurse Educators
- 1.4 Normally, any student who has received a SON award valued at \$1000 or more, as a new or renewal of an award, will not be eligible to receive another SON award in the same academic year.
- 1.5 Students who have received renewable scholarships/awards will be required to reapply, and include an unofficial transcript with their renewal application (which includes midterm grades for the December scholarship applications). The SON will determine whether or not they still meet the criteria for renewal. Awards committee
- 1.6 At their discretion, faculty and nurse educators may provide their nominee(s) with a copy of their submission(s). Faculty
Nurse Educators
- 1.7 Students who are unsuccessful in attaining an award for which they applied may indeed unknowingly qualify for other awards. As such, the SON will automatically consider them for the other awards using the information supplied on their original applications. SON
- 1.8 The Chair of the SON Awards Committee will notify award recipients as follows: Awards Committee Chair
- December – via email over the December break;
 - April – via email by the end of April.
- 1.9 The annual end of the first term Margaret Martell Farrell Scholarships deadline for submission is **November 15**, and the spring scholarships have an application submission deadline **on March 15th**. **If the deadline falls on the weekend, the applications are due on the following Monday.** Student
- 2. Qualifiers**
- 2.1 Awards for Honours students are based on superior academic standing in their respective programs. As such, students do not apply for these awards, nor do others nominate them. SON
- 2.2 For scholarships/awards that have established residency or place of residence as one of the criteria, it is the community in which students attended high school that is considered to be the place of residence for direct from high school entrants. For students designated as mature, residency is the place where they have resided during the two years prior to being admitted to the nursing program.

- 2.3 Before funds are released to students, a thank you note/card must be prepared for the donor and given to the SON Academic Administrative Assistant. Student

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Forms that are generated by the procedure should be listed and included as an appendix.

- Appendix 1 Terms of Reference/Selection Criteria
- Appendix 2 Award Application Forms

School of Nursing
St. Francis Xavier University
Nursing Scholarships
Terms of Reference/Selection Criteria

Note: The number and value offered for each particular scholarship may change year to year, depending on the availability of funds. Students may apply for the Margaret Martell Farrell Scholarship to meet the deadline for applications in December or March.

Freshman Awards	
Mary Ann Chisholm Nursing Award	<p>Award based on academic performance</p> <p>Selection Criteria (Donor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipient must be from Pictou, Antigonish, or Guysborough counties • Strong aptitude for nursing • Leadership ability/potential • Financial need • Must maintain Dean’s List standing • Commitment to the professional values of nursing (CNA)
Freshman Radcliff Award	<p>Selection Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic performance (improvement, not necessarily high grades) • Active in student nursing society or community out-reach service participation • Class participation • Excellent interpersonal skills
Sophomore Awards	
Jo. M. Brown Scholarship	<p>One award granted annually to a student entering the 3rd year of the B.Sc. in Nursing program.</p> <p>Selection Criteria (Donor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need • Demonstrated commitment to the standards of nursing promoted by the school, to be assessed by the students and faculty of the department. • A recipient who maintains a high level performance in the 3rd year will be awarded a renewal of this scholarship. • Should changing conditions so warrant, the scholarship may be awarded on new condition to be determined by the President of the University.
Margaret Martell Farrell Sophomore Awards (December/April)	<p>Selection Criteria (Donor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference will be given to applicants from eastern Nova Scotia (Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough & Cape Breton) as per donor’s request <p>Selection Criteria (Nursing specific)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership potential

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior academic grades and practice performance • A recipient who maintains a high level performance in the 3rd year will be awarded a renewal of this scholarship. • Commitment to the professional values of nursing (CNA)
Junior Awards	
Evie Grew Maternal-Child Nursing Award	<p>One award granted annually to a student entering 3rd or 4th year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program</p> <p>Selection Criteria (Donor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled as a full-time student in the traditional 4-year on campus program in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program • Entering 3rd or 4th year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program • Demonstrate the qualities of caring. Leadership, volunteerism, and community out-reach • Good academic standing (minimum average of 70%)
Rovers Family Memorial Scholarship	<p>Selection Criteria (Donor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high standard of academic achievement during the previous three years of the program (previous two years in the case of Post Degree student). • Superior ability in community and institutional nursing practice. • Active participation as a member of the nursing society • Commitment to professional caring in relationships with peers, clients, etc. • Commitment to advancing the goals of the nursing program. • Demonstrated interest in areas of international health and development* <p>* It is not <i>mandatory</i> this be met for the awarding of the scholarship, but the donor of this award would like to have this met if possible. In situations however where two or more candidates meet all other criteria equally, but only one of the candidates demonstrates an interest in international health and development issues, the award should be given to the latter candidate.</p>
Margaret Martell Farrell Junior Awards (December/April)	<p>Selection Criteria (Donor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference will be given to applicants from eastern Nova Scotia (Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough, & Cape Breton) as per donor's request <p>Selection Criteria (Nursing specific)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership potential • Superior academic grades and practice performance • Commitment to the professional values of nursing (CNA)
Dr. Winston Jackson Honors Third Year Prize	<p>One award for the Junior student with the highest-grade average in the Honors program. Students will also need to submit an abstract and budget expense sheet. Students who receive external funding are not eligible for the award.</p>

Senior Awards	
Margaret Martell Farrell Senior Award (December/April)	<p>Selection Criteria (Donor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preference will be given to applicants from eastern Nova Scotia (Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough & Cape Breton) as per donor's request <p>Selection Criteria (Nursing specific)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time and perseverance directed towards nursing career • Competence as a leader • Active society participation (Nursing Society or other Society/Community involvement) • Academic performance
Academic Vice President & Provost Award for Student Leadership	<p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership within the Nursing Society • Support & mentorship of fellow nursing students throughout the program as manifested by team building initiatives designed to assist students to be socialization into the nursing profession • Demonstrated commitment to the standards of nursing promoted by the school
Dean of Science Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice	<p>This award is presented to a senior student demonstrating leadership ability, commitment to the professional values of Nursing and demonstrating excellence in Nursing Practice</p>
Dr. Winston Jackson Honours Research Award	<p>One award for the Senior student with the highest-grade average in their final two years in the Honours program.</p>
Indigenous Student Mentor Award	<p>The award is given to a senior Indigenous nursing student (senior referring to any student other than first year) in recognition of his/her commitment and mentorship to fellow Indigenous students. The senior Indigenous student will receive a monetary gift, along with having his/her name placed on a Rankin School of Nursing plaque. The Indigenous Nurses Education committee in direct consultation with the Indigenous student advisor, will choose the successful candidate.</p>
African Descent Student Award in Leadership	<p>This award is presented to a student of African Descent in the nursing program who has demonstrated continual growth in the program across various areas. These areas may include academics, leadership, mentorship, community involvement and interaction with services on campus supporting students of African Descent. The awards committee in direct consultation with the Black Student Advisor will choose the successful candidate based on a demonstration of continual growth across all or some of the areas specified.</p>