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The National Black Nurses Association is pleased to announce the 2017 NBNA Scholarship Award Recipients. “These are nurses who are from all levels in their education careers, from RNs to doctoral. NBNA is most appreciative to all of the sponsors and members who have generously given to the NBNA Scholarship Program to help NBNA members achieve their goals and dreams,” stated Dr. Lenora Yates, Chair, NBNA Scholarship Committee.

2017 NBNA Scholarship Award Recipients

The Dr. Lauranne Sams Scholarship is awarded to a qualified NBNA member based on scholastic achievement, financial need and community service and who is in pursuit of a baccalaureate or other advanced nursing degree. The scholarship, which is named for the Founder and First President of the NBNA has a proud and distinguished legacy. The recipient must be an individual who truly represents the leadership, the commitment to service and the scholarship of Dr. Sams.

Keesha M. Bellamy
Mercer University
Georgia Baptist College of Nursing
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Jasmine A. Carter
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Duncanville, TX
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Kandis M. Williams

Chamberlain College of Nursing
Tinley Park, IL
Greater Illinois Black Nurses Association

Bernard W. Williams, II

University of New Mexico
College of Nursing
Albuquerque, NM
Direct Member

NBNA Board of Directors Scholarship

To support a qualified NBNA member in pursuit of a baccalaureate or advanced nursing degree.

Elnora M. King, MSN, RN

The University of Texas at Tyler
School of Nursing
Tyler, TX
Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association

Lynn Edwards Research Scholarship

The scholarship is sponsored by Dr. Linda Burnes-Bolton, NBNA Past President. Dr. Burnes-Bolton is a trustee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The Foundation contributes to the scholarship as part of the matching gift program. The scholarship is in honor of the mother of Dr. Burnes-Bolton, Mrs. Lynne Edwards. The Scholarship is for a nurse pursuing a PhD.

Lisa M. Alexander, MSN, RN, CS, NP

University of Phoenix
School of Advanced Studies
Tempe, AZ
Atlanta Black Nurses Association

Cheryl Garmon, MSN, RN, CASC

University of Texas at Tyler
School of Nursing
Tyler, TX
Greater East Texas Black Nurses Association

Cassandre Jean-Antione, MSN, RN

University of Florida
College of Nursing
Gainesville, FL
Central Florida Black Nurses Association

Debra R. Law, MSN, RN

University of California, San Francisco
School of Nursing
San Francisco, CA
South Bay Black Nurses Association

Dr. Hilda Richards Scholarship

To support a nurse transitioning from an Associate's degree to a BSN degree.

Nadia Willy

Miami Dade College
School of Nursing
Miami, FL
Black Nurses Association, Miami

Margaret Pemberton Scholarship

The Scholarship is provided by Margaret Pemberton, Member, Black Nurses Association of Greater Washington, DC Area, to a nursing student from the chapter in the conference's host city. This is an endowed scholarship.

Princess L. Milton

Arizona College
School of Nursing
Las Vegas, NV
Southern Nevada Black Nurses Association

Rita E. Miller Scholarship

The scholarship is sponsored by Barbara Julian, Member, Council of Black Nurses, Los Angeles, in memory of Rita E. Miller, Department Chair, School of Nursing, Dillard University.

Essence T. Williams, BSN, RN

Frontier Nursing University
Hyden, KY
Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Black Nurses Association

VITAS Healthcare/Esther Colliflower Scholarship

The scholarship is sponsored by VITAS Healthcare to a nurse or student nurse who is interested in pursuing a career in end of life care.

Yolanda Y. McMillan, DNPc, MSN, RNP

Grand Canyon University
Graduate School of Nursing
Phoenix, AZ
Council of Black Nurses Los Angeles

George E. McGuire Memorial Scholarship

Lynn M. Peugeot, MSN, RN
Nova Southeastern University
College of Nursing
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Greater Fort Lauderdale Broward Chapter of the
National Black Nurses Association

Iona Princess Pierre Scholarship

The scholarship is sponsored by Joan Pierre, President, NBNA, Northern Virginia Chapter in memory of her daughter Iona Princess Pierre.

Ashley Cephas, RN
University of Cincinnati
College of Nursing
Cincinnati, OH
Council of Black Nurses, Los Angeles

Dr. C. Alicia Georges Scholarship

The scholarship is sponsored by Dr. Millicent Gorham, Executive Director, National Black Nurses Association

Christina R. Guerrier
Simmons College
School of Nursing and Health Sciences
Boston, MA
New England Regional Black Nurses Association

Dr. Martha Dawson Genesis Grant

The Scholarship is provided by Dr. Martha A. Dawson, Member, Birmingham Black Nurses Association. The Law of Legacy states, "True success is measured by succession." This scholarship is to support nurse leaders to continue their growth and development through formal education at the master's and/or doctorate levels. Candidate may be an RN seeking master's, DNP, PhD in leadership or EdD.

Beverly R. Jordan, RN
Westchester University of Pennsylvania
College of Health Sciences
School of Nursing
Westchester, PA
Southeastern Pennsylvania Area Black Nurses Association

Dr. Doris Ashworth Wilson Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship is provided by Edwina Divins, the daughter of Dr. Doris Ashworth Wilson, who was the first NBNA Treasurer. The scholarship is for a candidate seeking a BSN or higher degree.

Brittany N. Preston, BSN, RN

Nova Southeastern University
College of Nursing
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Black Nurses Association, Miami

Maria Dudley Advance Practice Nurse Scholarship

The scholarship is funded by Maria Dudley, Member, Council of Black Nurses, Los Angeles, for a registered nurse pursuing an advanced practice degree.

Katheryne T. Amba, ACNP-BC, CCRN, DNP/PhD

Goldfarb College of Nursing
St. Louis, MO
Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association

Yale-New Haven Hospital Scholarship

Tara Spraulding, RN, BSN

Walden University
School of Nursing
Baltimore, MD
Concerned Black Nurses of Central New Jersey

NurseTim Scholarship

Edward C. Bennett, Jr.

Case Western Reserve University
Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
Cleveland, OH
Cleveland Council of Black Nurses

The NBNA Mission is “to serve as the voice for black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health.”