

## **SGNA RN Advancing Education Scholarship Application**

SGNA is offering this scholarship to a Registered Nurse working in Gastroenterology, who wishes to continue their education by pursuing a BSN, MSN, or PhD. Funds of \$2500 for a full time student or \$1000 to a part time student (taking a minimum of three credit hours per semester) will be presented to the recipient(s) of this scholarship. This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. The winner(s) will be announced in the fall, and the money will be awarded as a **reimbursement** after transcripts have been sent to SGNA Headquarters showing that the intended course work was completed with a GPA at least 3.0

### **Criteria:**

Applicant must be a member of the SGNA, and a registered nurse currently enrolled full time (as defined by the educational institution) or part time (taking a minimum of 3 credit hours per semester) for a minimum of one semester in an accredited advanced degree program pursuing a BSN, MSN, or PhD with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Send completed application by July 31st to:

SGNA Awards Committee  
401 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611

To be considered, application must include:

- \*Completed application
- \*Essay, no more than 500 words, double-spaced
- \*Two letters of recommendation from faculty
- \*Transcript of coursework completed to date

### **Statement:**

I understand that if I am selected for the SGNA RN Advancing Education Scholarship, I must submit current transcripts to prove a minimum GPA of 3.0 before funds will be reimbursed to me for educational expenses. I affirm that the application is entirely my own work.

Signed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
H phone: \_\_\_\_\_ W phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment**

Briefly detail your years spent in GI practice and your most current employment responsibilities:

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**Education**

Previous education: \_\_\_\_\_

School where RN degree was attained: \_\_\_\_\_

Present educational institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the degree you are pursuing advanced nursing education in to which you intend to apply an SGNA scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_ (BSN, MSN, PhD)

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Related Experience**

How long have you been in the medical field?: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a Registered Nurse?: \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you originally enter nursing?: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you been a GI Registered Nurse?: \_\_\_\_\_

What interested you in a career in GI Nursing?: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Advocacy**

Please describe any current or previous experience you may have in the following areas. Please date each activity and provide the time COMMITMENT of your personal involvement.

Promotion of patient health or safety issues in your employment or in your community.

Development of educational material for your peers or patients or your community.

Performance improvement or quality outcome studies

**DATE    TIME    ACTIVITY AND DESCRIPTION  
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**NOTE: PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARTE PAPER FOR ADDITIONAL DATA IF NEEDED**

**Professional Qualities**

List and briefly describe any volunteer leadership roles you have held in the community (include dates, years of service, location, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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List and briefly describe any professional leadership roles you have held (include dates, years of service, location, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you been a member of the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses & Associates?

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Are you currently a member of any other professional organization? Please check the appropriate organizations:

\_\_\_\_\_ American Nurses Association

\_\_\_\_\_ Sigma Theta Tau

\_\_\_\_\_ National Student Nurses' Association

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently certified in any field in nursing? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently certified in gastroenterology nursing (ABCGN)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever presented an educational program? Please list subject content: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever published any professional material in local newsletters, journals or professional magazines? Please list content: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Short Essay**

In no more than 500 words (typed, double-spaced), please answer the following question:

Describe a challenging situation you see in the nursing field today.

Discuss how you, as a Registered Nurse with an advanced degree would best address and meet this challenge.