



**Rita Sorensen Nursing Scholarship
(Payson Campus Only)**

Online Application accessible at:

Funding provided by Arizona Community Foundation thanks to Mr. Sorensen

Apply by December 12th for Spring Semester

Apply by March 30th for Fall Semester

Gila Community College is very pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the **Rita Sorensen Nursing Scholarship for up to a maximum of \$2000 per semester, and a maximum award of \$8000 throughout the program.**

Program Overview:

This scholarship program aims to discover, nurture and develop nursing talent to meet the demands of the state and the nation. A key program goal is for ALL scholars to

1. Become aware of the many exciting opportunities available in health care in the Payson community.
2. Take control of their lives, careers, professional development, academics (CPA), and
3. Pursue excellence with respect to all aspects of their education.

Eligibility Criteria and Requirements:

- Register for Eastern Arizona College classes as a declared Nursing major
- Compose a "Financial Need and Career Interest Essay," describing your financial need, personal career interests, and a vision on how you would serve the Payson community after graduation, to be submitted with this application. This paper should be between 500 and 1000 words as a basic guideline.
- Submit the name and contact information for two references.
- Have a completed FAFSA on file in the GCC Admissions & Scholarship office.
- Maintain a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.
- Submit all requested information via email to Phil McBride, Ph.D., Senior Dean - Gila County Campuses, Gila Community College, at phil.mcbride@gilacc.org. For questions, call Dr. McBride at 928-428-8404 (Office) or 928-965-1574 (Cell)

We hope you'll join our growing community of scholars and mentors. Thank you very much!

ELIGIBILITY, WHAT YOU WILL NEED, CRITERIA:

Student at Eastern Arizona College, FAFSA on file, declared Nursing major, contact information for two references, Financial Need and Career Interest Essay, taking classes toward the Nursing degree, and maintain a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Fill out this application
- Financial Need and Career Interest Essay: Take control of your career and start looking at where you are interested in working and what you would like to do. This document will be a guide for your future and your plan for achieving career academic goals.
 - Introduction describing your future vision of using your Nursing degree to serve the Payson community.
 - Describe your financial need.
 - Describe employers you are interested in working for and why you like these particular companies.
 - Include leadership, project experiences, community service, computer skills, jobs - paid and unpaid etc. that have prepared you for a career in Nursing.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to serving in the Payson community
- Merit
- Financial Need

The following information has been requested for the purpose of tracking the success of the Nursing Scholars, and as a condition of the award for scholarship. The information will be used by Nursing advisors at Eastern Arizona College. Certain demographic information (gender, ethnicity, race, disability) is optional. All information will be kept confidential. Such research will be used to help improve the program, but you are not required to participate beyond providing the required information below.

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Residential Address:

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

For which block(s) are you applying for (check all that apply.)

NUR 120 ☐

NUR 130 ☐

NUR 240 ☐

NUR 250 ☐

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?

Yes / No

Demographic Information:

Gender (check only one):

Male / Female / Do not wish to provide

Ethnicity (check only one):

Hispanic or Latino / Not Hispanic or Latino / Do not wish to provide

Race (check all that apply):

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Do not wish to provide

Do you work while enrolled in school?

Yes / No

If yes, how many hours on average per week during the term? _____ hrs/week

References (List Two):

First Reference:

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Employer: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Second Reference:

Name: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Employer: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Financial Need and Career Interest Essay (500 – 1000 words):

(Please describe your financial need and what career you're interested in and why)

Release of Information:

By signing below, I certify that the information contained in this form is true. I also give my permission for all information in this form and the relevant information in my Eastern Arizona College record, including transcript and entrance information, to be available to my Nursing advisors to determine continuing eligibility for this scholarship. I understand this form will become a part of my official student record at GCC.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

*Upon completion and signing, please save this document to your hard-drive by going to File, Save-As, and name the file as indicated below, before submitting.

-First Name Last Name Nursing Scholarship

Submit this application by via email to Phil McBride, Ph.D., Senior Dean - Gila County Campuses, Gila Community College at phil.mcbride@gilacc.org. For questions call Dr. McBride at 928-428-8404 (Office) or 928-965-1574 (Cell