

Scholarship Application

Mission

The mission of SPN and the LA Chapter is to champion the specialty of pediatric nurses by supporting its members in their practice. The LA chapter will promote excellence in nursing care of children and their families through education, advocacy, and research.

Goals

The goals of the SPN are to:

1. Provide an array of contemporary programs, products, and services to meet member/customer needs.
2. Be positioned as the premier associate for pediatric nurses and recognized as the authoritative voice for pediatric nurses and pediatric nursing.
3. Identify and develop future leaders.
4. Remain fiscally strong.

In addition, the LA Chapter will:

1. Support its membership in promoting quality health and nursing care of children.
2. Advocate for accessible, affordable, comprehensive healthcare services for children.
3. Promote advancement in the art and science of pediatric nursing through interactive efforts among all nurses in practice, research, education, and administration.
4. Establish positions and standards of practice.
5. Collaborate with other healthcare professionals, childcare advocates, and related organizations.
6. Increase awareness of Pediatric Nursing through outreach to schools.

Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must currently be

1. Enrolled in an accredited prelicensure (e.g., ADN, BSN, BS, entry-level MS, entry-level MSN) or post-licensure (e.g., MSN, MS, DNP, PhD) nursing program leading to an academic degree.
2. Hold an active membership in the SPN Greater Los Angeles Chapter.

Scholarship Application Evaluation Criteria

Scholarship applications will be evaluated by three SPN Greater Los Angeles Chapter board members.

Three sections will be evaluated based on points as outlined below:

GPA

The student will provide the most recent college transcript, including the cumulative GPA for all work completed before the application.

The GPA on a 4.0 scale; the difficulty of coursework can be taken into consideration.

- 1 point GPA 2.5 to 2.7
- 2 points GPA 2.8 to 3.0
- 3 points GPA 3.1 to 3.4
- 4 points GPA 3.5 to 3.7
- 5 points GPA 3.8 to 4.0

Personal Goals (250 Words)

Objective: Assess the applicant's ability to articulate their background, personal qualities, and reasons SPN should support their education. Writing quality, grammar, and spelling will be taken into account in scoring.

Score	Criteria
0 – Poor	The statement did not contain any goals.
1 – Limited	The statement is poorly written with minimal useful information. Lacks clarity, depth, and relevance. Goals are vague or poorly articulated. Writing contains frequent grammatical and spelling errors.
2 – Developing	The statement provides a general sense of the student's background and goals but lacks strong articulation or depth. The presentation is average, with some minor grammatical or spelling issues.
4 – Proficient	The statement is well-written and clearly presents the student's background, attitude, and personal style. Goals are thoughtfully articulated, and the rationale for SPN support is compelling. Writing is strong with minimal errors.
5 – Exemplary	The statement is highly engaging, insightful, and professionally written. It clearly conveys the student's unique qualities and strong alignment with SPN's mission. Goals are well-defined and persuasive. Writing is polished and error-free.

Project Statement (250 words)

Objective: Evaluate the clarity, creativity, feasibility, and relevance of proposed contributions to the SPN Los Angeles chapter over the next year. Contributions may include exhibitions, research, educational projects, or community collaborations that advance the field of pediatric nursing.

Score	Criteria
1 – Poor	The statement did not contain any ideas.
2 – Limited	The statement is poorly written with minimal or vague ideas. Lacks clarity, relevance, and feasibility. Contribution does not clearly align with SPN goals.
3 – Developing	The statement presents some ideas or plans that are partially relevant to SPN objectives. Implementation details are underdeveloped or unclear. Feasibility is moderate.
4 – Proficient	The statement offers realistic and thoughtful ideas that align with SPN’s mission. Articulation is clear, and the proposed activities are feasible with some creative elements.
5 – Exemplary	The statement is well-written, innovative, and strongly aligned with SPN’s mission. Ideas are clearly articulated, highly feasible, and demonstrate leadership and creativity in advancing pediatric nursing.

Application Packet

A complete scholarship application will include submission of the following:

1. Application form
2. Personal and goal statement
3. Project statement
4. Curriculum vitae
5. Unofficial transcript
6. SPN membership card