



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Virginia Johnson Nursing Scholarships being offered by the Foundation of the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties.

The scholarship was established in 2001 to honor Virginia Blount Johnson, a registered nurse and beloved community leader and healthcare advocate, who left her indelible mark on the Orangeburg community. In her memory and through this scholarship, many prospective nurses are receiving help in achieving their career goals.

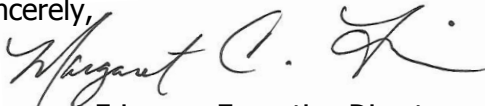
Students applying for this scholarship must be pursuing RN credentials through an associate, bachelors or graduate degree offered by an accredited program. Must be in or beginning at least the second year of their program and have posted a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Must also be a resident of Orangeburg, Bamberg or Calhoun counties of South Carolina or be a resident of an adjacent county enrolled in an accredited program in Orangeburg.

If you are a first-time applicant, your application must be accompanied by a short essay explaining why you should be chosen to receive the Virginia B. Johnson Nursing Scholarship, three letters of recommendation to include one from a former professor/teacher (in your major if possible) and another from someone who can speak to your service to your school or community. Letters of recommendation should contain the title of the originator and information indicating his or her relationship to you. The Selection Committee also requires a copy of your acceptance letter to an accredited nursing school you are attending and your most recent official transcript. Please note that no web transcript shall be accepted. All applicants should know that the Scholarship Committee will place increasing emphasis on academic achievement.

Minimum Scholarship awards will be \$500.

Please note that in order to be considered for the scholarship, the Foundation must receive your completed application by **June 30, 2020**.

Sincerely,



Margaret Frierson, Executive Director
RMC Foundation

Enclosures

5. List name and address of high school(s) and college(s):

Provide an official transcript of all college level grades.

Please note no web generated transcript shall be accepted.

_____ Highest Level Completed _____ year(s)
attended/graduated
_____ year graduated

_____ Class Rank/GPA if available _____

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6. Please list the name and address of your current nursing program:

7. Estimated dollar amount that one (1) year of nursing would cost at institution you are attending.
Please break down by:

Room and Board \$	_____	Tuition & Fees \$	_____
Books	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

8. Why did you choose nursing as a career?

9. What other scholarships have you been awarded for the upcoming semester or year and what is the dollar value:

10. Please describe your service to your school. _____

11. Please describe your service to your community. _____

12. List extra curricular activities or responsibilities (to include work experience, family responsibilities, volunteer work): _____

Scholarship Criteria

Students pursuing R.N. credentials through an associate, a bachelor's or a graduate nursing degree from an accredited program may apply if they meet the following criteria:

- Must be in or beginning at least the second year of one of the programs listed above
- Have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Be a resident of Orangeburg, Bamberg or Calhoun Counties or
- Be a resident of an adjacent South Carolina county enrolled in an accredited nursing program in Orangeburg

All applicants should know that the Scholarship Committee is placing increasing emphasis on academic achievement.

First time applicants must submit the completed application with the following:

- Three letters of recommendation to include one from a former professor/teacher (in your major if possible) and another from someone who can speak to your service to your school or community – letters of recommendation must be signed and include the title or position of the author and relationship to you. Letters of recommendation are very important and must be signed; therefore, emailing is not the best method to reach the Committee. Thank you for your understanding.
- a brief, signed essay to the Committee explaining why you should be chosen to receive the Virginia B. Johnson Nursing Scholarship
- an official transcript of all college level grades
- No web generated transcript shall be accepted

Previous but non-funded applicants must complete application with all required information just like first time applicants. See box above.

Previous winners of a Virginia Johnson Scholarship need only to update demographic information and provide most recent official transcript. The Selection Committee will appreciate a brief note from you highlighting your academic progress and career goals since your original application.

STUDENT'S AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that:

1. I will be a full-time student as defined by the institution I have indicated and will be enrolled in the nursing curriculum indicated on this application in the Fall of _____.
2. I will use the proceeds of the Virginia B. Johnson Nursing Scholarship for the payment of tuition and required fees, room and board or similar living expenses. If I withdraw from this school, any remaining funds will be returned to the Regional Medical Center Foundation/the Virginia B. Johnson Nursing Scholarship.
3. I agree to allow college/university officials to release transcripts and periodic information concerning my academic progress to the Virginia B. Johnson Nursing Scholarship/the Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Signature of Applicant

Date