

# POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTHCARE STUDENTS

## **MARGARET PARKINSON SCHOLARSHIP**

RCN Foundation, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN

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Scholarships offering up to £2,500 per annum for graduates with a non-nursing degree who wish to commence nurse training. Please note that these scholarships are not available to students who have already started their nursing studies. Graduates domiciled outside the UK are not eligible to apply. Applications open late summer.

Full details of eligibility, application form and application guidance available to download from website.

## **NIGHTINGALE FUND**

[www.thenightingalefund.org.uk](http://www.thenightingalefund.org.uk)

Tel: 01799 550668 Email: [rlstanford@thenightingalefund.org.uk](mailto:rlstanford@thenightingalefund.org.uk)

The fund offers financial support for course fees only to nurses, midwives and community public health nurses who are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). It also supports health care assistants. It considers applications from nurses living and working across the UK who are undertaking further education and training to enhance their nursing practice.

The Council meets 3 times a year in March, July and November. All applicants are interviewed either by telephone or in person.

Further details and application form available on the website.

## **NURSES ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA (NAJ) (UK)**

PO Box 1270, Croydon CR9 3DA

[www.naj.org.uk](http://www.naj.org.uk)

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Grants for members of the association, primarily people from black and ethnic minority groups, especially African-Caribbean groups. Membership is diverse and is drawn from Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting, Allied Health Professionals and those who support the organisations' objectives. Grants are given to members to support their educational development or community project and are to assist with fees, books and travel.

Contact them directly for further information.

## **RCN FOUNDATION PROFESSIONAL BURSARY SCHEME**

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Open to all nurses and midwives currently registered in the UK who will be implementing their learning and development in the UK. Bursaries of up to £5,000 are available for activities which focus on:

- primary care nursing, and/or
- long term/chronic conditions

This includes, for example, obesity, mental health, children's/young people's services, older people and dementia.

Full details of eligibility, an application form and application guidance are available on the website. Application closing date 31<sup>st</sup> May.

## **SANDRA CHARITABLE TRUST**

Lynne Webster, Secretary to the Trustees, Moore Family Office Limited,  
42 Berkeley Square, London W1J 5AW

Tel: 020 7318 0845

One-off and recurrent grants to nurses and nursing students who are in financial need, for courses, equipment and other necessities.

Application forms can be requested from the correspondent, although the trust funds are largely committed. The trustees meet on a frequent basis to consider applications.

## **SIR JOHN SUMNER'S TRUST**

1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AA

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Grants to nursing students who are in need and living in the UK, although preference is given to those in the Midlands. Grants are normally given towards equipment, instruments, fees or living expenses.

Applications in writing to the correspondent, through the individual's college or a welfare agency. Two referees should be provided, one of whom must be from the relevant educational establishment.

### **SEARCH FOR TRUST FUNDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FUNDING**

In addition to this list, there are websites which provide information on Scholarships and Charitable Trusts, and also include a Grant search facility to help students identify appropriate funding based on individual circumstances and needs - see examples below:

- [www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk) - a charitable service which helps people access welfare benefits, educational grants and other help. Individuals can search their database to find funding.
- [www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk](http://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk) - provides a searchable database for scholarships and other funding.

*When applying to charities you are advised to consider the criteria carefully as organisations often have very limited funding and will not consider applications unless they meet their specific criteria.*

- The Directory of Social Change publishes "**The Educational Grants Directory**" which lists details of charities and trust funds - a copy of this directory can be accessed via the University Money Advisers.



Produced by Money Advice, University of Worcester  
See our Website for a Guide to applying to a Trust  
[www.worcester.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trustfunds](http://www.worcester.ac.uk/moneyadvice/trustfunds)