

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AGREEMENT

- A scholarship applicant shall be enrolled in an approved nursing program leading to the award of an associate degree, a baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree in nursing.
- A scholarship may be awarded for no more than 2 years, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per year. However, registered nurses pursuing a graduate degree for a faculty position or to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner may receive up to \$12,000 per year.
- Credit for repayment of a scholarship shall be as follows:
 - For each full year of scholarship assistance, the recipient agrees to work for 12 months in a faculty position in a college of nursing or Florida College System institution nursing program in this state or at a health care facility in a medically underserved area as designated by the Department of Health. Scholarship recipients who attend school on a part-time basis shall have their employment service obligation prorated in proportion to the amount of scholarship payments received.
 - Eligible health care facilities are county-, state- or federally-operated medical or health care facilities, colleges of nursing in state universities and Florida College System institution nursing programs in this state, family practice teaching hospitals as defined in s. 395.805, F.S., or specialty children's hospitals as described in s. 409.9119, F.S. The recipient shall be encouraged to complete the service obligation at a single employment site. If continuous employment at the same site is not feasible, the recipient may apply to the department for a transfer to another approved health care facility.
 - Any recipient who does not complete an appropriate program of studies, who does not become licensed, who does not accept employment as a nurse at an approved health care facility, or who does not complete 12 months of approved employment for each year of scholarship assistance received shall repay to the Department of Education, on a schedule to be determined by the department, the entire amount of the scholarship plus 18 percent interest accruing from the date of the scholarship payment. Moneys repaid shall be deposited into the Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Trust Fund established in s. 1009.66, F.S. However, the department may provide additional time for repayment if the department finds that circumstances beyond the control of the recipient caused or contributed to the default.
- Scholarship payments shall be transmitted to the recipient upon receipt of documentation that the recipient is enrolled in an approved nursing program. The Department of Education shall develop a formula to prorate payments to scholarship recipients so as not to exceed the maximum amount per academic year.

If awarded a scholarship, I understand that I must meet the scholarship criteria. I also understand that if I do not complete an appropriate program of study, do not become a licensed nurse, do not accept employment as a nurse at an approved health care facility, or do not complete 12 months of approved employment for each year of scholarship assistance, I will repay to the OSFA, on a schedule to be determined by the OSFA, the entire amount of the scholarship plus 18 percent interest accruing from the date of the scholarship payment.

Student Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____