

**SGNA RN Advancing Education Scholarship
Application**

SGNA is offering this scholarship to a Registered Nurse working in Gastroenterology, who wishes to continue their education by pursuing a BSN, MSN, or PhD. Funds of \$2500 for a full time student or \$1000 to a part time student (taking a minimum of three credit hours per semester) will be presented to the recipient(s) of this scholarship. This is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. The winner(s) will be announced in the fall, and the money will be awarded as a **reimbursement** after transcripts have been sent to SGNA Headquarters showing that the intended course work was completed with a GPA at least 3.0

Criteria:

Applicant must be a member of the SGNA, and a registered nurse currently enrolled full time (as defined by the educational institution) or part time (taking a minimum of 3 credit hours per semester) in an accredited advanced degree program pursuing a BSN, MSN, or PhD with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Send completed application by July 31st to:

SGNA Awards Committee
401 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

To be considered, application must include:

- *Completed application
- *Essay, no more than 500 words, double-spaced
- *A limit of two letters of recommendation from faculty
- *Transcript of coursework completed to date

Statement:

I understand that if I am selected for the SGNA RN Advancing Education Scholarship, I must submit current transcripts to prove a minimum GPA of 3.0 before funds will be reimbursed to me for educational expenses. I affirm that the application is entirely my own work.

Signed name: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

General Information:

Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
H phone: _____ W phone: _____ Email _____

Employment

Briefly detail your years spent in GI practice and your most current employment responsibilities:

Education

Previous education: _____

School where RN degree was attained: _____

Present educational institution: _____

Current GPA (if applicable): _____

Indicate the degree you are pursuing advanced nursing education in to which you intend to apply an SGNA scholarship: _____ (BSN, MSN, PhD)

Expected graduation date: _____

Related Experience

How long have you been in the medical field?: _____

How long have you been a Registered Nurse?: _____

Why did you originally enter nursing?: _____

How long have you been a GI Registered Nurse?: _____

What interested you in a career in GI Nursing?: _____

How long have you been a member of the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses & Associates? _____

Are you currently a member of any other professional organization? Please check the appropriate organizations:

- _____ American Nurses Association
- _____ Sigma Theta Tau
- _____ National Student Nurses' Association
- _____ Other (Please specify)_____

Are you currently certified in any field in nursing? _____

Are you currently certified in gastroenterology nursing (ABCGN)? _____

Have you ever presented an educational program? Please list subject content: _____

Have you ever published any professional material in local newsletters, journals or professional magazines? Please list content: _____

Short Essay

In no more than 500 words (typed, double-spaced), please answer the following question:

Describe a challenging situation you see in the nursing field today.
Discuss how you, as a Registered Nurse with an advanced degree would best address and meet this challenge.