The Registered Nurses’ Foundation of Ontario (RNFOO) is a charitable organization that provides financial support for Registered Nurses and nursing students in Ontario to further their nursing education or engage in research. Funds are available for study at the certificate level, basic or post-basic education and graduate level.

RNFOO offers a variety of awards and scholarships each year, and administers several Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) Interest Group Awards and Scholarships.

**THE RNFOO APPLICATION PROCESS**

*Open:* Early December 2012 – watch [www.rnfoo.org](http://www.rnfoo.org) for details

*Deadline for the online application:* Monday January 21\(^{st}\), 2013, 4pm EST

*Deadline for all transcripts and reference letters:* to be received in the RNFOO office by Monday February 4\(^{th}\), 2013, 4pm EST.

Please note that incomplete applications cannot be reviewed.

Visit [www.rnfoo.org](http://www.rnfoo.org) for details and to apply

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**RNFOO Awards & Scholarships**

**ALL EDUCATION LEVELS**

**The Saint Elizabeth Health Care Community Nursing Scholarship ($2,500)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue education at the baccalaureate or graduate level in order to pursue a career in the field of Community Nursing. Preference will be given to nurses studying at the baccalaureate level.

**The Dorothy Ferguson Scholarship ($2,000)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue a baccalaureate degree or graduate degree in nursing. Applicant must demonstrate outstanding leadership potential. Preference will be given to full-time students.

**Bernice Read Nursing Scholarship ($1,200)**
To a Registered Nurse who is studying at the baccalaureate or graduate level in order to pursue a career in the field of Community Nursing. Preference will be given to nurses studying at the baccalaureate level.

**The Alumnae Association of the School of Nursing, Toronto General Hospital Scholarship (4 x $1,500)**
To a nursing student or a Registered Nurse pursuing education at the undergraduate or graduate level. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding potential and/or contributions to their chosen area of practice.

**Julie Hall Scholarship for Neuroscience Nursing ($1,000)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue education at the baccalaureate, masters or doctoral level with an interest in any aspect of the broad specialty of neuroscience nursing. Applicants may be involved in any area of neuroscience across the lifespan and the continuum of care. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in neuroscience nursing and indicate how they contribute to the advancement of clinical practice, education, or research within this specialty.

**Miriam Bracken Award ($500)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue further education in perioperative nursing. Applicants may be in a CNA Perioperative Nursing Certificate program, post-graduate Operating Room Nursing program, or a post-basic baccalaureate nursing program. Membership in RNAO and the Operating Room Nurses’ Association of Canada is required.
Baccalaureate Level – 4 Year and 2nd Level Entry

The Jennifer Award (6 x $2,500)
To provide opportunities to 3rd or 4th year basic baccalaureate nursing students or 2nd year of a second level entry baccalaureate program to complete their baccalaureate degree. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding potential and contribution to the fields of child and family, oncological or mental health nursing.

The RNFOO Undergraduate Scholarship (3 x $1,500)
To provide opportunities to 1st or 2nd year baccalaureate nursing students with assistance to complete their degree. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing and outstanding potential in their chosen career.

Margaret Avery Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
To provide an opportunity to a 3rd year baccalaureate nursing student, in a 4 year program to complete their degree. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standing with outstanding potential and/or contribution to the advancement of clinical practice, education, or research.

Sonia Varaschin Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
To provide an opportunity to an undergraduate nursing student in her/his 3rd or 4th year who has demonstrated leadership and a passion for making a difference toward healthy work environments.

Halton RNAO Chapter Scholarship ($500)
To provide opportunities to 3rd or 4th year basic baccalaureate nursing students or 2nd year of a second level entry baccalaureate program to complete their degree. Applicants must demonstrate high academic standards and community service.

Elsevier Canada Book Award ($500 gift certificate)
To provide an opportunity to an undergraduate student who has successfully completed at least one year of a nursing program and demonstrates high academic standing and commitment to the profession.

Lippincott Williams and Wilkins Book Award (3 x $250 gift certificate)
To provide an opportunity to an undergraduate student who has successfully completed at least one year of a nursing program and demonstrates high academic standing and commitment to the profession.

Pearson Canada Book Award (2 x $500 gift certificate)
To provide an opportunity to an undergraduate nursing student who has successfully completed at least one year of a nursing program and demonstrates high academic standing and commitment to the profession.
BACCALAUREATE LEVEL – POST DIPLOMA

**Mary Brunning Harkin Scholarship ($1,500)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse who is studying at the baccalaureate level and whose career path is dedicated to the care of the elderly.

**Regina Borowska Scholarship (10 x $1,000)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue education at the baccalaureate level. Preference will be given to those applicants whose professional career goals enable the recipient to contribute to the advancement of nursing.

**The RNFOO Gala Scholarship (3 x $1,500)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse who is a resident of Toronto and wishes to pursue education at the baccalaureate level.

GRADUATE LEVEL

**Dr. Sheela Basrur and GE Oncology Nursing Education Scholarship (2 x $2,500)**
Applicants must be Ontario residents enrolled in or accepted for enrolment into a university graduate program with a focus on oncology. Registered nurses in the province of Ontario and intending to practice in Ontario following completion of the program.

**Dr. Joan Lesmond Memorial Scholarship ($2,500)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who is studying at the graduate level and demonstrates that their studies are focusing on diversity in the nursing field.

**Dorothy Monteith Scholarship (2 x $2,000)**
To provide an opportunity for a Registered Nurse who is pursuing a graduate degree in nursing with a focus on health policy, and who demonstrates outstanding leadership potential. Preference will be given to a post-RN graduate. The successful applicant can be in a full-time or part-time program.

**Prenatal & Parenthood Education Services ($2,000)**
To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who wish to pursue education at the masters level related to the practice of nursing in perinatology in a clinical, administrative or education setting. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in perinatology and/or enrolled in a program related to perinatology.

**The RNFOO Gala Scholarship (2 x $1,500)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who is a resident of Toronto and wishes to pursue further education at the graduate level.

RESEARCH AWARDS

**Prenatal & Parenthood Education Research Award ($1,500)**
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to undertake a research project related to perinatal nursing.
RNAO INTEREST GROUP Awards & Scholarships
(administered by RNFOO)

ALL EDUCATION LEVELS

**Ernie “Aieh” Jacobs Memorial Award**
- Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG) ($2,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse pursuing diverse continuing education. The applicant must demonstrate a significant commitment to diabetes education and care in a community with a large Aboriginal population. First consideration will be given to nurses of Aboriginal origin. Applicants must be members of the Diabetes Nursing Interest Group of RNAO. This award is made possible through the Diabetes Nurses Interest Group (DNIG).

**Ontario Nursing Informatics Group (ONIG) Scholarships** (2 x $1,000)

To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who wish to pursue further education in informatics at the undergraduate or graduate level. Preference will be given to members of the ONIG.

**The Evelyn Cameron Memorial Bursary** (PedNIG) (2 x $1,000)

To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who wish to pursue education at the undergraduate or graduate level with a focus on pediatric nursing. Applicants must be members of PedNIG and must demonstrate commitment to advancing the practice of pediatric nursing in Ontario.

**Mary Ann Murphy Memorial Diabetes Award**
- Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG) ($1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse or graduating baccalaureate nursing student who wishes to pursue advanced education (certificate or degree) focusing on diabetes education/care for persons with diabetes, and who has demonstrated a significant commitment to the cause of diabetes. Applicants must be members of the Diabetes Nursing Interest Group of RNAO. This annual award is made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Murphy/Myers family or the DNIG.

**Margaret Myers Diabetes Clinical Practice Award**
- Diabetes Nursing Interest Group (DNIG) ($1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse or graduating baccalaureate nursing student who wishes to pursue education at the graduate level OR to complete a special project focusing on diabetes. The applicant has demonstrated significant interest in diabetes research, education, and care and is currently practicing, or intending to practice, in the field. Applicants must be members of the Diabetes Nursing Interest Group of RNAO. This annual award is made possible through the generous sponsorship of the Murphy/Myers family or the DNIG.

**The Donna Kettyle Award**
- Ontario Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Award (OARN) ($1,000)

To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue further study in the field of rehabilitation nursing. Applicants may be in a specialty certificate program, baccalaureate or masters degree level of study. Preference will be given to those whose focus of study demonstrates a positive impact on the promotion and development of rehabilitation nursing. Applicants must be members of the OARN for a minimum of one year. Applicants can only receive this award once per degree, to a maximum of two times during their academic career.
GRADUATE LEVEL

**Provincial Nurse Educators Interest Group (PNEIG) Award** (2 x $1,500)
To provide opportunities to Registered Nurses who wish to pursue education at the graduate level related to the practice of nursing, nursing education or a related program. Applicants must be members of the PNEIG.

**Maternal Child Nurses Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Masters** ($1,000)
To a Registered Nurse enrolled in a Masters program at a recognized university in Canada with a course or research project/thesis in maternal/child or neonatal nursing within the hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG and not a recipient of this scholarship within the past 3 years.

**Maternal Child Nurses Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Doctorate** ($1,000)
To a Registered Nurse enrolled in a Doctorate program at a recognized university in Canada with a course or research project/thesis in maternal/child or neonatal nursing within the hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG and not a recipient of this scholarship within the past 3 years.

**Maternal Child Nurses Interest Group (MCNIG) Scholarship – Nurse Practitioner** ($1,000)
To a Registered Nurse enrolled in a Nurse Practitioner/Primary Health Care Nursing graduate program in Canada with a focus in maternal/child or neonatal nursing within the hospital or community setting. Applicants must be members of MCNIG and not a recipient of this scholarship within the past 3 years.

**Dr. Hildegarde E. Peplau Award**
- **Mental Health Nursing Interest Group (MHNIG)** ($1,000)
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who wishes to pursue education at the masters or doctoral level in psychiatric/mental health nursing. Preference will be given to those whose focus of study includes an interpersonal perspective in nurse-client, family, peer or community relationships. Preference will be given to members of the MHNIG.

**The Community Health Nurses’ Initiative Group (CHNIG) Educational Scholarship** ($1,000)
To a Registered Nurse who is pursing advanced education at the masters or doctoral level in a full-time or part-time capacity. This registered nurse is currently working in, or intending to work in, community health nursing. The individual must have a strong academic record and be a member of CHNIG for a year or more.

RESEARCH AWARDS

**Provincial Nurse Educators Interest Group (PNEIG) Research Award** ($5,000)
To provide an opportunity to a Registered Nurse who is pursuing research focused on education at the Masters or Doctoral level in an academic or clinic setting. Applicants must be members of PNEIG.

**The Community Health Nurses’ Initiative Group (CHNIG) Research Award** ($1,000)
To a Registered Nurse, who is a member of the Community Health Nurses’ Initiative Group for a year or more and is pursuing research in community health nursing at the masters or doctoral levels in an academic setting. The award can also be given to any community health nurse, who is a member of CHNIG for at least a year, who wishes to undertake research in a clinical setting.
OTHER RNFOO AWARDS

**SARS MEMORIAL FUND**

The SARS Memorial Fund for Infection Control Practitioners (ICP) is a tuition/certification/professional development reimbursement program funded by the Molson Canada SARS concert (2003) and sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care. The fund provides grants for Infection Control Practitioners from any discipline to support continuing education, certification/re-certification and professional development for individual Infection Control Practitioners within their health care settings.

**Program A:** Infection Control Practitioner Program Tuition Reimbursement (up to $2,000 per person)

**Program B:** Reimbursement of registration fee for CHICA (up to $1,500 per person)

**Program C:** Infection Control Practitioner Certification/Re-certification Fee Reimbursement (up to $400)

**2013 Deadlines:** Applications will be reviewed quarterly – January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, October 1st

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**THE ROLLING STONES/CPI AWARDS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN INFECTION CONTROL**

The Rolling Stones/CPI Awards are funded from a donation representing the proceeds from the sales of a DVD produced at the time of the Rolling Stones 2003 SARS Benefit Concert in Toronto. The objective of the program is to support the advancement of professional practice in Infection Control in Ontario. As such, the fund provides scholarships and grants to practicing health professionals from any discipline to support continuing education, participation in conferences, projects (e.g. educational) and studies/research. RNFOO is responsible for the administration of the awards.

Candidates must clearly demonstrate how their course of study, conference, project or research will contribute to advancing professional practice in Infection Control in their healthcare environment. A multi-disciplinary review committee will consider all applications and determine those awards to be disbursed. Individual candidates may request a one-time award up to $2,000. Group or organizational candidates may request a one-time award up to $5,000. In both cases, candidates must attest that they are not receiving other funding in support of their initiative.

**2013 Deadlines:** Applications will be reviewed quarterly – the quarterly deadlines are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

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**RBC FOUNDATION INTERNATIONALY EDUCATED NURSES FUND**

The RNFOO Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) Fund is a tuition-support program generously funded by the RBC Foundation. The fund provides financial support for IENs to meet the educational requirements to become a Registered Nurse in Ontario. The objective of the fund is to allow new Ontario immigrants to practice their chosen profession of nursing, leveraging their prior education, knowledge, skills, and experience. Ultimately, this will provide much-needed nursing resources to the province, to meet the needs of the citizens of Ontario.

**2013 Deadlines:** Applications are accepted for each semester of study. Deadlines are January 1, May 1 and September 1.