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The Helen Cooper Scholarship Program 2026 Scholarship Application

One \$500 scholarship grant will be awarded and presented at the 2026 Christmas Gala.

The Helen Cooper Scholarship Program supports nursing students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to improving the health and social well-being of African Americans and other culturally diverse communities.

Scholarship Requirements

Applicants must meet all the following requirements:

1. Be a member of the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) and/or the local chapter or be willing to join NBNA and the local chapter.
2. Be currently enrolled in an accredited nursing program.
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Required Application Materials

To be considered, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed and signed scholarship application.
2. An official sealed college transcript from an accredited school of nursing.
3. A typed, double-spaced essay of at least one full page addressing:
 - Extracurricular activities and community involvement;
 - Participation in local chapter activities, community-based projects, school projects, student nurse activities, or organizational efforts;
 - Activities that have impacted the health and/or social conditions of African Americans and other culturally diverse groups;
 - Ideas for how the applicant, as a nurse, can improve the health status and/or social conditions of African Americans; and
 - goals in nursing.

All activities described must be documentable.



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4. Two letters of recommendation:

- One letter from a representative of the applicant's school of nursing; and
- One letter from a verifiable non-relative source, such as a chapter member, clergy member, employer, instructor, supervisor, or community leader.

Recipient Expectations

The scholarship recipient must:

- Attend at least two local chapter meetings during the year after accepting the scholarship award; and
- Participate in at least two community-service projects with the local chapter.

The purpose of this program is to support and mentor the scholarship recipient as they grow professionally and use their talents to help build a healthier community.



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Please type or print clearly in black ink.

Applicant Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Place of Employment, if applicable: _____

NBNA Member Chapter: _____

Are you currently an NBNA/local chapter member?

☐ Yes ☐ No, but I am willing to join.

Current School of Nursing Enrollment

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____



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Dean/Director: _____

School Phone Number: (_____) _____

Academic Advisor: _____

Type of Nursing Program — Check One:

☐ LPN ☐ RN/ADN ☐ BSN ☐ Master's ☐ PhD/DNP

Current Cumulative GPA: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Extracurricular and Community Activities

Please list your extracurricular activities, leadership roles, community service, volunteer work, and nursing-related involvement. Attach an additional page if needed.



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Applicant Certification

I hereby affirm that all information provided in this application and its supporting documents is true and accurate. I understand that any false or misleading statement may result in disqualification or forfeiture of the scholarship award.

I understand that, if selected, I am expected to attend at least two local chapter meetings and participate in at least two community-service projects with the local chapter within one year of accepting the scholarship award.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Instructions

Please submit the completed application and all required supporting materials to:

Concerned Black Nurses of CSRA, Inc.
P.O. Box 204228
Martinez, GA 30907

Or online: CNBN of CSRA Website

Application Deadline: All application materials must be postmarked no later than November 25, 2026.

Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline may not be considered.