



FIRST COAST BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Heartbeat of the Community

Dorothy Gaines Banks Nursing Scholarship Application

The Dorothy Gaines Banks Nursing Scholarship was established to support funding for minority students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the field of Nursing in the Jacksonville area. Black/African American students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Candidate must be enrolled in a nursing program (BSN, ADN, or LPN) and in good scholastic standing with a **2.75 GPA** or higher at the time of the application
- Candidate will have preferably two semesters of nursing school remaining. (One semester remaining may be individually evaluated.)
- Essay (see guidelines below)
- Official Transcript from the School of Nursing (Coded electronic copy is acceptable)
- Letter of Recommendation from the Dean or Director of the Nursing School, or from one of the candidate's Nursing Instructors
- Copy of an official photo for identification (e.g. driver license, military ID, passport)
- Attend at least one FCBNA meeting or community event (see 2025 calendar/guidelines below)
- Mandatory attendance at Scholarship Awards Program September 27, 2025
- Please submit the official transcript, letter of recommendation, confirmation of attendance at FCBNA meeting or community event, the essay, and a copy of an official photo with the completed application. All documents may be submitted electronically by email to **fcbnajax@gmail.com**

Scholarship Guidelines:

Each applicant must submit a two-page, typed, 12–pitch font size, 1” margins, and double-spaced essay with the application.

Essay topic: What can you do as an individual nurse to improve the health status and/or social condition of African Americans?

The essay must also include a statement about your future goals and a description of your current extracurricular activities and community involvement. These may include (but not limited to) community-based projects, school level projects, organizational efforts, state level student nurse activities, and activities impacting African Americans and other culturally diverse groups.

Chapter Procedure:

A member may recommend a candidate and submit their application for consideration. However, the application must be completed by the candidate. The candidate may submit completed application directly to FCBNA at the address shown below. Candidates must adhere to all stated scholarship requirements to be considered for a scholarship award.

Deadline to Submit Application is September 12th 2025.



All applications must be post marked or electronically submitted no later than
September 12th for consideration.

Please mail completed application along with required documents to:

FCBNA, INC.
P.O. Box 40575
Jacksonville, Florida 32203

Email address: fcbnajax@gmail.com

The Scholarship Award

The scholarship award will range from \$500 to \$1,000 and there may be multiple awards.

Scholarships will be awarded at the FCBNA Annual Scholarship Awards Program

FIRST COAST BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC
(PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY)

NAME: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS: _____:

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (opt.)/OR STUDENT ID#: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

CURRENT SCHOOL OF NURSING ENROLLMENT: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DEAN/DIRECTOR: _____



EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (LIST):

I hereby affirm that all of the information provided above is true. Any false statements or information will forfeit the award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(All required information must accompany this application)



FIRST COAST BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER ACTIVITIES 2025

January	General Chapter Meeting: January 14th at 6 p.m. (in-person) All In-Person Meeting Location: UF Health Tower 10 th Floor Swisher Conference Room
February	General Chapter Meeting: February 11th at 6 p.m. (virtual)
March	General Chapter Meeting: March 11th at 6 p.m. (in-person) Mini-Nurse Academy: March 3 rd , 10 th and 31 st
April	General Chapter Meeting: April 8th at 6 p.m. (in-person) Mini Nurse Academy: April 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , and 28 th
May	General Chapter Meeting: May 13th at 6 p.m. (in-person) Mini Nurse Academy: May 5 th and May 12 th National Kidney Walk and Kidney Pump: May 18 th
June	General Chapter Meeting: June 10th at 6 p.m. (virtual)
July	General Chapter Meeting: July 8th at 6 p.m. (in-person) Health Symposium: July 19 th Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Location: 5130 Soutel Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32208
August	General Chapter Meeting:



September	General Chapter Meeting: First Coast Black Nurses Association Presents Its Silver Jubilee: Celebrating 25 Years of Service and Scholarship: September 27th Location: Rhythm Factory 9501 Arlington Expressway #329 Jacksonville, FL 32225 Click Here to Purchase Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-coast-black-nurses-association-25th-year-of-service-and-scholarship-tickets-1109737848779?aff=oddtcreator
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You must attend at least one of the meetings or events listed on the calendar, however, you are welcome to attend more. Please list the meeting or event you attended in the space below and have a committee member sign to confirm your attendance.

List Meeting or Event Attended and Submit with Scholarship Application

1. _____ Date _____
2. _____ Date _____
3. _____ Date _____
4. _____ Date _____
5. _____ Date _____

Scholarship Recipient Signature and date

Scholarship Committee Member Signature and date