

Dreaming of a Doctorate? ENA Foundation to the Rescue



When a veteran nurse has the dream to achieve an advanced degree, who is there to help make it a reality?



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The ENA Foundation.

Debbie Young, BSN, RN, learned that personally. She is the recipient of the ENA Foundation's 2015 Anita Dorr Graduate Scholarship. A charge nurse and unit educator at Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George, Utah, she is also a part-time student. The \$5,000

award Young received paid for a semester of tuition towards her doctorate degree in a family nurse practitioner program.

"To receive this scholarship from ENA meant so much," says Young. "I love the organization and this award has helped me tremendously from a financial perspective."

Candidates may apply to a broad category of scholarships, including awards for associate, undergraduate, graduate/master's and doctoral degree programs.

"The selection criteria for a scholarship significantly take into account the candidate's goals and active involvement in the profession," said ENA Foundation Manager Gary Rejebian. "Participation counts."

Young matched the Foundation's criteria perfectly. An active ENA member and former chapter president, she has been involved in raising funds for the Foundation at the state and local levels. She plans to pursue other scholarships, but is thrilled to have received her first from the ENA Foundation.

"There are so many opportunities available," says Young. "I'm grateful ENA is so pro-education."

The call for 2016 scholarship applications will close at noon CDT on April 29. Candidates may apply through the link located on the Foundation's website, www.ena.org/foundation, under the 'Scholarship Opportunities' section. While award winners may not apply for additional funding for the same degree, qualified recipients may apply for a scholarship for another degree. For example, the recipient of a Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing undergraduate scholarship can apply for a Master's degree scholarship.

Since 1991, the ENA Foundation has awarded more than \$2.5 million in scholarships and research grants. In addition to academic scholarships, conference scholarships are available to cover registration fees for members who otherwise would not be able to attend the annual event. Clinical research grants are also provided in partnership with organizations including Stryker, the Emergency Medicine Foundation, Sigma Theta Tau International, and the American Nurse Informatics Association.

Scholarship funds are raised through donations from the State Fundraising Challenge – taking place through May 31 – as well as from ENA state councils and chapters, individual donors and ENA industry partners. ■

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