

# 2026 Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Memorial Scholarship Award

## Overview

We are honored to announce that the New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) will be awarding for the six consecutive year the Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Memorial Scholarship Grant, totaling \$100,000.

This generous scholarship grant is made possible by the Community Health Connections Foundation, Inc. (CHCF), a non-profit, grantmaking private foundation. The Foundation's mission is to support charitable initiatives by connecting grants and donations to non-profit and federally tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations, such as the NJLN, that are dedicated to improving health, healthcare services, and health education in New Jersey.

The NJLN is committed to providing scholarship opportunities, and this \$100,000 Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Memorial Scholarship Grant is a remarkable addition to our traditional scholarship awards program. It assists individuals to achieve their nursing education goals, ultimately benefiting and enhancing healthcare in the State of New Jersey.

### **THE AVAILABLE 2025 DR. MAUREEN SULLIVAN FOLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR EIGHT (8) NURSING STUDENTS IN THREE CATEGORIES:**

1. \$20,000 Scholarship Award to two students pursuing their Doctoral Degree (PhD, EdD, DNS, DNP) – Two (2) Awards
2. \$10,000 Scholarship Award to three students pursuing their Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) – Two (2) Awards
3. \$10,000 Scholarship Award to three students pursuing their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) – Four (4) Awards

All candidates must meet all of the eligibility requirements as outlined in the criteria.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DISQUALIFIED.**

## Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

- **The applicant must:**
  - Be a legal resident of the United States.
  - Be a permanent in-state resident of New Jersey.
  - Be enrolled in an accredited nursing program.
  - Have completed at least one semester in an accredited degree nursing program. (BSN, MSN, or Doctorate)
  - Possess the intent to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey after attaining their degree.
  - Be a current member of the New Jersey League for Nursing and remain active and engaged. Visit our website for membership details, or [join now - click here](#).
  - Be available at the request of the NJLN Scholarship Committee to conduct a video conference call interview during the application submission process.
  - Complete the New Jersey League for Nursing (NJLN) Scholarship Application Form.
  - Provide a current Resume / CV
  - Submit an essay explaining how you plan to advance the health of the patients, families, or communities where you will be practicing and the impact this scholarship would have in supporting your education. (1,000 words or less, not to exceed the word count)

## Scholarship Eligibility Criteria (Cont'd)

- Submit a short video (Maximum of 2 minutes). Include your name, school, degree you are pursuing and briefly answer the questions, “How will the Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Memorial Scholarship Award impact you?” and “How will you make a difference in healthcare in New Jersey through your education?”, include your professional career goals.
- Provide two references in support of your submission. One academic reference and one professional practice reference.
- Agree to complete a follow-up survey at 6 months, 1 year, 3 year and 5 years after receiving the scholarship to provide status on your education and nursing career.
- **Evidence of academic ability:**
  - Transcript from the institution currently enrolled. You may submit an unofficial copy and must include the most recent semester completed.
  - Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater.
- **Submit a Scholarship Budget Narrative:**
  - Applicants must provide an estimated budget outline of how you will use the scholarship funds with a general timeframe. Note: example items include tuition, books, all fees, and any associated degree expenses billed by the school of nursing are eligible, and note, it is not limited to these areas. You may include any expense that is billed by the school of nursing for the degree you are applying for. If you have a loan, it is your responsibility to contact the bursar or finance office to ensure these funds can be applied to relieve the loan debt. If selected to receive a scholarship, the check is provided to your educational institution, no exceptions. It is imperative that you explore your ability to accept the full scholarship check and that you are eligible to have it applied to your account. Questions? Please send them to [info@njln.org](mailto:info@njln.org).

## Application Submission

- **All fully completed applications and supporting documentation must be received by July 13 to be considered. Incomplete applications or missing information will disqualify the submission.**
- **Before you submit consider requesting to have a previous Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Memorial Scholarship Award recipient answer questions on their experience of applying and their success on being selected for this award.** Have them review your submission and provide tips and thoughts from their perspective. Send your request to [info@njln.org](mailto:info@njln.org). We will provide the name and email address of the available contact along with further guidelines. *Note, this is an equal opportunity offering, any applicant may request to use it. This does not factor into the assessment made by the NJLN Scholarship Committee or provide any advantage of being selected for a scholarship award. The Scholarship Committee will not be provided details of anyone who has made this request.*
- For general questions, please contact the NJLN office, 908-789-3398, or email: [info@njln.org](mailto:info@njln.org)



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## Scholarship Award Presentation

- The selection of the Dr. Maureen Sullivan Foley Memorial Scholarship Award is by the New Jersey League for Nursing Scholarship Committee and based specifically on the above defined criteria.
- There will be eight candidates selected from the qualified submissions to represent each of the categories for the scholarship awards: Doctorate Degree (2 awards), MSN (2 awards), BSN (4 awards). The scholarship award check will be dispersed to the educational institution on behalf of the recipient by the NJLN and may be used for any expenses related to this degree that are billed by the school of nursing (ex. tuition, books, and all associated fees / expenses, but it is not limited to these areas.)
- The recipient must be available to attend a virtual awards presentation in late-October 2026, and you will be invited to attend the 2026 NJLN Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Awards Event in November 6, 2026 at the Pines Manor in Edison.
- The scholarship recipient must agree to allow the New Jersey League for Nursing to use their information such as full name, career achievements and photograph for publicity and media purposes.

## How do I apply?

### Application Submission

- Please refer to the [checklist](#), which will assist to ensure you are prepared when you are ready to apply.
- For questions with your submission, please e-mail [info@njln.org](mailto:info@njln.org) or call the NJLN office, 908-789-3398.
- **Note:** All applicants will be notified of the status of their submission. **The recipient must be available to attend a virtual award presentation in Mid-October 2026, and you will be invited to attend the live 2026 NJLN Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Awards Event on November 6, 2026.**

**READY TO APPLY? Click here to be taken to the application form.** PLEASE BE SURE TO REVIEW THE CRITERIA IN ITS ENTIRETY TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY. USE THE CHECKLIST TO START CREATING YOUR SUBMISSION.