

2025-2026 Application

Project SEND scholarships are supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These awards are to benefit licensed practical nurses (LPNs) transitioning into the role of Registered Nurse (RN). Fifteen *Project SEND* scholarships will be awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year to LPNs pursuing their Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree at Rivier University. These scholarships will cover the full cost of tuition, books, uniforms, iPad, NCLEX-RN prep course, stethoscope, and fees for the recipient's entire course study.

Application Deadline

Your *Project SEND* scholarship application, essay, and a current résumé must be submitted no later than **October 30, 2025**.

Scholarship Criteria

Scholarship applicants are required to:

1. Gain acceptance into Rivier's advanced placement LPN to ASN program for the 2025-2026 year.
2. Hold an unencumbered LPN license.
3. Submit the *Project SEND* application and essay.
4. Complete or be in the process of completing NACE (Nursing Acceleration Challenge Examination).
5. Be a U.S. citizen or resident.
6. Be committed to working with local medically under-served communities, rural communities or vulnerable populations.

Tell us about yourself

Name _____

LPN License # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone # _____

Email _____

Tell us about your background

Your answers will better tell us of your eligibility.

1. Which response best describes your ethnicity?
 Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino Prefer not to answer
2. Which responses(s) best describes your race?
 American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Other: _____ Prefer not to answer

3. Were you or currently homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act? (Definition: <https://nche.ed.gov/mckinney-vento/>)
 Yes No Prefer not to answer
4. Were you ever part of the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families? (Definition: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/focus-areas/foster-care>)
 Yes No Prefer not to answer
5. Were you eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years? (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>)
 Yes No Prefer not to answer
6. Are you a first-generation to attend college? (Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree. See <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2018/2018009.pdf>)
 Yes No Prefer not to answer
7. Were you or currently eligible for Federal Pell grants? (Definition: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>)
 Yes No Prefer not to answer
8. Have you received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child? (Definition: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/wic-eligibility-requirements>)
 Yes No Prefer not to answer
9. Grew up in one of the following areas:
a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer (<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>), or
b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas (qualifying zipcodes are included in the file).
 Yes No Prefer not to answer

Scholarship Essay

On a separate piece of paper, please write a short essay (100-500 words) discussing these topics:

- What would receiving this scholarship mean for you?
- Why you are seeking this degree, and how it will impact your nursing practice?
- Describe your commitment to the nursing profession, including your long-term career goals.

Thank you for your application.

Please e-mail your application and essay to rcruz1@rivier.edu.