

2026-2027 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 2026-2027 academic year to LPNs pursuing their Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree at Rivier University. These scholarships will cover the half cost of tuition and fees, some books, uniforms, iPad, NCLEX-RN exam fees and prep course, stethoscope, and more for the selected 15 recipients.

Application Deadline

Your *Project SEND* scholarship application, essay, and updated résumé must be submitted no later than **October 30, 2026**.

Scholarship Criteria

Scholarship applicants are required to:

1. Gain acceptance into Rivier's advanced placement LPN to ASN program for the 2026-2027 year.
2. Hold an unencumbered LPN license.
3. Submit the *Project SEND* application, essay, and updated résumé.
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 _____

Mobile Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Tell us about your background

Your answers will help us better determine your eligibility.

1. Which response best describes your ethnicity?
 Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino Prefer not to answer
2. Which response(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 ever, or are you 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 college student? (Neither parent, nor legal guardian, has completed a bachelor's degree. See <https://nces.ed.gov/pubs2018/2018009.pdf>)
 Yes No Prefer not to answer
7. Were you ever eligible, or are you 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 Area (qualifying zip codes are included in the file)
 Yes No Prefer not to answer

Scholarship Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a short essay (minimum of one page and maximum of three pages) addressing the following 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, essay, and updated résumé to rcruz1@rivier.edu.