



NAINA BIENNIAL 2026 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT NURSES IN INDIA

NAINA helps to reduce financial barriers for nursing education for the students in India. Five undergraduate nursing students will each be awarded a \$500 scholarship. Students who excel in education and have documented financial need can apply for these scholarships.

Criteria for Nominees:

1. Demonstrate strong academic excellence and leadership qualities.
2. Have made significant contributions to the student community.
3. Should have ≥ 1 year remaining in the program

Required Supporting Documents:

1. **Student Essay:** An essay demonstrating Why I chose nursing? The family background showing financial need, and the future nursing plans.
2. **Faculty Recommendation:** A narrative of no more than 200 words explaining the reason for the nomination. Supporting documents demonstrating the nominee's accomplishments may be included. All materials should be submitted as a single PDF.
3. **Student Transcript:** Official or unofficial transcript reflecting a minimum score of 80% or higher.
4. **Professional Photograph/ Headshot**

Please refer to the Rubric section below for award eligibility, evaluation criteria, and scoring details.

Warm regards,
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NAINA India Scholarship Rubric

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Criteria	Exemplary (5)	Accomplished (3)	Developing (1)
Essay: Why I Chose Nursing	Offers a compelling, reflective, and well-articulated explanation of motivation for choosing nursing. Shows strong insight and personal connection.	Provides a clear explanation of motivation with some reflection and personal meaning.	Limited explanation of motivation and personal connection to nursing.
Essay: Family Background	Describes parents and their occupations with clarity and demonstrates significant financial need	Provides clear information about parents and their occupations with some contextual detail and some financial need.	Provides limited information about financial need.
Essay: Future Nursing Plans	Presents a thoughtful, well-defined vision for future nursing roles (teaching, bedside, leadership, etc.) with strong commitment to growth.	Shares a clear plan for future nursing roles with developing detail and direction.	Expresses early ideas about future nursing roles but lacks long-term goals.
Writing Quality & Organization	Writing is polished, well-organized, and professional, with smooth flow and strong clarity.	Writing is clear and organized with good readability and minor areas for refinement.	Writing shows emerging organization and clarity, with limitations in structure and flow.
Faculty Recommendation Letter (75–100 words)	Letter highlights the student’s academic strength, and class involvement with strong supportive detail and professional tone.	The letter addresses academic strengths and involvement with clear supportive statements.	The letter provides foundational insight into the student’s strengths but lacks clarity.