



NAINA BIENNIAL 2026 AWARDS s SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT NURSES IN THE USA

NAINA supports nursing education of the students of Indian origin/heritage in the US.

Three undergraduate or associate degree students will receive \$500, and **one** graduate, postgraduate, or doctoral student will receive \$1,000. Students who excel in education and hold NAINA student membership 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. Must be an active virtual or local chapter member of NAINA.
4. Should have ≥ 1 year remaining in the program

Required Supporting Documents:

1. **Student Essay:** An essay demonstrating ‘why I chose nursing?’, any project implementation participation, 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 GPA of 3.
4. **Professional Photograph/ Headshot**



NAINA Scholarship awards USA Rubric

Criteria	Exemplary (5)	Accomplished (3)	Developing (1)
Active Membership and participation with NAINA	Clearly demonstrates active, paid membership in a local chapter or NAINA with strong and consistent engagement.	Demonstrates active membership with moderate participation.	Demonstrates membership and limited engagement.
GPA	Shows a strong academic record with a GPA at or above 4 and evidence of academic excellence.	Maintains a GPA at or above 3.5 with steady academic performance.	Demonstrates progress toward maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or equivalent
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: 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 (≤100 words)	Letter highlights academic strength, and involvement with strong supportive detail and professional tone.	Letter addresses academic standing, and involvement with clear supportive statements.	Letter provides foundational insight into strengths and continues to develop fuller detail.