

A photograph of a multi-story building with a mix of brick and light-colored stone or concrete panels. The building features large windows and a crest on the upper facade. The words "SCHOOL OF NURSING" are visible on a stone ledge. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

ABSN Financial Aid Overview



Duke University
School of Nursing

FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

The ABSN program is a 2nd bachelor's degree program and the Department of Education classifies it as an undergraduate program for federal loan annual awarding amounts. ABSN students are eligible for up to a maximum of \$12,500 per academic year in federal student loans. Federal loan interest rates change annually and the new rates are announced in June. For more information about federal student loans, visit: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans>.

DUSON MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The merit scholarship provides \$10,000 in funding towards tuition for four semesters of the program. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to be eligible. Applicants are automatically considered for this scholarship through the admission application. There is no separate application for merit scholarship consideration. One new student is chosen in the Fall and Spring cohorts. The faculty in conjunction with the Admission Office will select the recipients.

DUSON NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must submit all required applications prior to being admitted and by the deadline. Late applications are not reviewed. This scholarship is awarded to students with the greatest financial need. Awards range from \$10,000-\$60,000 total for the four semesters of the program. For application instructions and deadlines, visit: <https://nursing.duke.edu> and select ABSN->Financial Aid & Scholarships. Click on the square for the semester you are applying.

MILITARY BENEFITS

Students who have been admitted and have accepted the offer to attend may activate their veterans benefits at DUSON. Submit your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to Duke's Veterans Benefits Coordinator in the Duke University Registrar's office. For detailed instructions to activate VA benefits at Duke, visit: <https://registrar.duke.edu/veterans/veterans-education-benefits>.

The Duke School of Nursing is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Eligible degree-seeking students may receive up to \$5,000 in Yellow Ribbon funding from the school and the VA will match that amount for a total of \$10,000 towards remaining tuition and fees after the Post 9/11 benefits have been exhausted.

FUNDING FOR NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) offers a forgivable loan program for nursing students who have been a resident of North Carolina for 12 months at the time the application is submitted. The application opens the first business day in January for funding for the upcoming academic year. The deadline is March 1 and recipients are chosen by lottery. The program provides up to \$7,000 (\$3,500 in Fall and Spring semesters only) per academic year. Recipients agree to a one-year work commitment as a nurse with patient contact in North Carolina for every year of funding received in order to receive the loan forgiveness. Applicants must apply prior to being admitted to the program to be considered for the upcoming academic year. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.cfnc.org/fels>.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HRSA)

HRSA offers scholarships which provide funding towards tuition, fees and living expenses in exchange for a work commitment in a critical health shortage facility after completing the program. HRSA scholarship applications open in May. For more information, visit: <https://www.hrsa.gov/>. Sign-up to receive an email notification when the application opens.

OTHER RESOURCES

Outside scholarship opportunities are posted on our website and we recommend students check the website frequently for new opportunities. For more information go to the ABSN→Financial Aid & Scholarships→Scholarship listings (non-Duke funded).

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