

# Office of Nursing Workforce Stipend Program Criteria

## Nursing (PN, RN, BSN) Program in Mississippi

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION – Fiscal Year 2022

Review the criteria below before completing and submitting the Office of Nursing Workforce Stipend Application Form. Application responses may be sent via e-mail to [clevy@msbn.ms.gov](mailto:clevy@msbn.ms.gov) (use ONW Stipend Program as the subject line).

#### Criteria

- Be a Mississippi Resident.
- Hold current, unrestricted Mississippi nursing license (if applicable).
- Be a full-time or part time student in an accredited Nursing Program in Mississippi.
- Submit a letter from the school of nursing verifying enrollment with anticipated date of completion.
- Hold and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in undergraduate curriculum and earn a GPA of at least 3.0 for courses taken each semester of the stipend (fall and spring).
- Provide **official** transcript from last completed college semester.
- Sign contract with the Office of Nursing Workforce to work as a full time Nurse in Mississippi within the first two years following completion of the program. If contract is broken, funds must be repaid, plus interest.
- Submit three professional letters of reference.
- Compose a 500-word essay in English describing your personal philosophy of nursing.
- Pass the NCLEX within one year of completion of the program (if applicable).

#### Application Process

Application and attachments must be received in the Office of Nursing Workforce by Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

- Student Application form.
- Letter of enrollment verification from the school of nursing with the date of completion.
- **Official** transcript of college credit (sealed envelope from the Registrar's Office mailed to the attention of Christie Levy or official e-scrip, etc.).
- Three professional letters of reference as a pdf file.
- A 500-word essay as a pdf file.

#### AWARD PROCESS

- The Office of Nursing Workforce Stipend Committee will conduct a blind review and notify recipients by Thursday, June 30, 2022.
- The recipient will receive the stipend in (4) monthly installments of \$1,250.00 in August, October, January, and March.
- The recipient must provide an **official** transcript at the end of each completed semester throughout the term of the stipend.

**\*For more information, contact the Office of Nursing Workforce at 601-957-6300\***