

The AAPACN Education Foundation



Dedicated to fostering the educational advancement of nursing students and professionals within post-acute and long-term care practice through scholarship and other initiatives.

A Workforce Crisis

200,000+ openings for RNs per year over the next decade

This alarming figure from the US bureau of labor highlights a nursing workforce crisis already felt by the majority of post-acute and long-term care (LTPAC) facilities. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 15% of nursing home staff have retired early, changed fields, or left the workforce entirely. Attracting new RNs to LTPAC is critical for the future of the profession, and **providing financial support for RN education is the mission of the AAPACN Education Foundation.**



A Financial Challenge

\$29,000 a year – average CNA salary

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the average tuition for a two-year associate nursing program is \$3,780 per year and \$9,380 per year for a BSN program. For many young people entering the job market or CNAs hoping to become RNs, attending nursing school is something they simply can't afford. The **AAPACN Education Foundation is dedicated to lowering this financial barrier by providing academic scholarships for CNAs, LPNs, and RNs working in LTPAC.**



A Mission Of Nurse Education

\$134,000 in nursing scholarships

Since our founding in 2014, the AAPACN Education Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing, has funded \$134,000 in education scholarships, helping students earn their RN, BSN, or MSN and fulfill their career goals of working in LTPAC. We're proud of this support, but we want to do more! **The AAPACN Education Foundation hopes to expand our nursing scholarships in 2025. We need your help to get there!**



Meet the 2025 Scholarship Recipients



Advancing Nurse Leadership in Post-Acute Care Scholarship

Erin Wallace, BSN, RN



Elevating Post-Acute Care Nursing Scholarship

Ranisha Ray-Hagans, RN



Frontline Heroes in Post-Acute Care Scholarship

Laura Munson, CNA



Lighting the Way for Post-Acute Care Nursing Scholarship

Patricia Schipper, LPN, RAC-CT

2025 Calendar

February

- Love for Learning Campaign – Send an eCard to a colleague in support of nurse education

April 22-25

- Scholarship recipients honored at the AAPACN 2025 Conference
- Join the bourbon tasting FUNdraiser at the conference
- Conference Dollar Campaign – Make a donation at the conference to support the 2026 scholarships!

May 6-12

- Nurses Week Apparel Shopping Event – Support nurse education by purchasing a limited-edition Foundation-branded apparel item

August - September

- Pampered Chef Party – Shop for your favorite Pampered Chef items in support of nurse education

Fall

- Applications open for the 2026 Scholarships

December 2

- Support nurse scholarships with a donation on Giving Tuesday

Give To Build A Brighter Future

Your generosity can make a difference

By making a tax-deductible contribution to the AAPACN Education Foundation, you'll be investing in the future of LTPAC and giving back to your profession. Help give someone the opportunity to become an LTPAC RN or earn an advance nursing degree.

Here's how:

- Scan the QR code or text NURSESCHOLARSHIP to 707070 and make your donation right from your phone
- Add a donation to the AAPACN Education Foundation when you join or renew your AAPACN membership at AAPACN.org.
- Ask your employer to match your donation.
- Request that friends and family make a donation in your honor for your birthday or holidays.

