

Each year, The American Legion Department of North Carolina provides scholarships (normally 5, 1 from each division) to students enrolled in nursing programs in North Carolina colleges.

Scholarships are currently in the amount of \$600.

Any person who resides in North Carolina and has been accepted to or is enrolled in a 1 year Licensed Practical Nurse program, or who is enrolled in a 2, 3 or 4 year program that leads to certification as a Registered Nurse, is eligible for this scholarship.

Each Legion Post in North Carolina can sponsor 1 applicant each year. If a post has more than one worthy candidate, that post must select their candidate. The post might then consider approaching another local post to get that post to sponsor one of the applicants.

Up to date scholarship applications are included in the monthly mailing packets and can also be obtained on our website at www.nclegion.org, or by contacting Department Headquarters at 919-832-7506.

Posts submitting an application should review the application to insure that all application requirements are included.

The current year's application must be used.



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SUPPORT THE COLON FURR MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



At the June 1988 Department Convention, Colon Furr was elected to serve as our Department Commander. A resident of Asheville, and a long time employee of the Asheville, VA hospital, Furr was a great supporter of the VA hospital system. He set as his goal for the Department, the establishment of nursing scholarships by the various posts in North Carolina.

When Commander Furr passed away several months after his election, the Department Executive Committee

voted to create the Colon Furr Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund at Department Headquarters.

The DEC felt that, by setting up a state-wide fund, the Department could honor Commander Furr and also give all American Legion posts in North Carolina, regardless of their size or financial status, an opportunity to participate in a worthwhile program.

Bob Cagle, elected by the DEC to follow Furr as Department Commander, immediately appointed a special committee to develop a plan for this new program. Through the generous donations of posts, auxiliary units, SAL squadrons and individuals, the fund started to grow.

During the 1992 Spring Conference, the Colon Furr Memorial Nursing Scholarship Committee announced the winner of the first scholarship to be awarded from the fund. The recipient of the \$500 scholarship was Miss Susan Byers, endorsed by Rocky Mount Post 58.

Because of the many NC legionnaires and posts that have made donations to the fund, the program has made great

strides. The committee has awarded a total of 166 scholarships through 2017.

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The future success of this program depends on the Department's, American Legion Riders Committee, who has taken this scholarship fund to heart raising thousands of dollars for its continuity, and the individual Legion posts, Auxiliary units and SAL squadrons who also contribute.

With the fundraising efforts of the Legion Family listed above, the scholarship fund can continue to grow and more scholarships can be awarded.

The scholarship committee asks each of our family members to consider the good this program does and what they can do to support it.

Donations of any amount are needed from our members and from our posts, units and squadrons.

Donations to the scholarship program can be designated to go to the Colon

Furr Endowment Fund or the Colon Furr Appropriated Fund.

The endowment fund contains money that is donated for the specific purpose of earning interest for Colon Furr nursing scholarships. This money cannot be spent for any reason. All investment income on this fund goes into the Colon Furr Appropriated Fund.

The appropriated fund contains money that is raised by the various committees through raffles, sales, non-endowment-specific donations and the interest earned on the endowment fund. This money and its earnings is available for the awarding of scholarships.

If you, your post or any other individual or organization makes a donation to the Colon Furr program, the check should specify either Colon Furr Endowment Fund, or Colon Furr Appropriated Fund. If the endowment fund is not indicated, the donation will go into the appropriated account.