

**HELD FOUNDATION
LOUISE HELD NURSING AWARD
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A GRANT**

The Held Foundation will award a grant of \$2,500 to selected nurses who are citizens of the United States and have graduated or will graduate from nursing school in the 18 months prior to March 31, 2009 with a Bachelor of Science degree or higher and have been recruited to one of five hospitals in Los Angeles County. The grant will be repeated for the following four years as long as the nurse stays employed at the hospital (1). The hospitals are:

Cedars Sinai Medical Center
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles
Little Company of Mary Hospital, Torrance
St. John's Medical Center, Santa Monica
UCLA Medical Center

Criteria for selection include academic standing, financial need, personal history, cost of the program of study, the recommendation of school officials and indication of an offer of employment from one of the five hospitals.

To qualify for consideration:

- Complete the application form
- Supply an essay of 1,000 words or less telling your personal history, why you wanted to become a nurse, something about your other interests, and what your specialty might be.
- Attach a recommendation letter from a representative from your nursing school.
- Attach indication of an offer of employment from one of the five hospitals (2)

An independent panel of judges will consider your application, some of whom will have nursing expertise and some will not. Neither the Held family nor any of the hospitals will control the selection panel. Submit applications by November 30, 2008 to:

Ann L. Van Dormolen
Administrator
The Held Foundation
P.O. Box 9399
Marina Del Rey, CA 90295

- 1) Nurse applicants must renew their request each year. Subsequent years' awards will be conditional on passing the "Boards" and remaining a full-time employee in good standing. Under certain circumstances, the committee may approve continuation of the Louise Held Grant to nurses who change their employment from one member hospital to another during the year.
- 2) If an offer of employment has not been received but you believe it will be, submit an application and forward the offer when you receive it.

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GRANT APPLICATION**

Personal Information

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Phone Number
_____			_____
Street Address			Email Address
_____		_____	_____
City, State and Zip Code		Social Security Number	Date of Birth
Do you have a relationship to the Held Family? _____		Are you a US Citizen? _____	

Education

_____	_____	_____	
Most Recent Nursing School Attended	Degree attained		Last High School Attended
_____	_____		_____
Street Address	Years attended		City, State and Zip Code
_____	_____		
City, State and Zip Code	Cumulative GPA for Nursing School (Attach Transcript)		
_____		_____	
Nursing School Contact for Recommendation	Title	Phone Number	

*Attach a list of all other Institutions of Higher learning attended. Include any other courses of study.

Employment as a Nurse in Los Angeles County

_____		_____
Hospital in Los Angeles County		Planned Date of Employment
_____		_____
Street Address		City, State and Zip Code
_____		_____
Hospital Reference	Title	Phone Number

Financial Considerations

Total tuition for all years in nursing school	\$ _____
Grants and scholarships received to date	\$ _____
Outstanding Balance of Student Loans (Attach Loan Statement(s))	\$ _____

How was the tuition paid that was not covered by loans or grants?

Signed _____ Date _____