

Master Educators for Rural Areas (MERA) Fellowship Application

Master in Nursing Education Students

Please submit this document with your application to the Master in Nursing Education program or as soon after admission as possible.

The MERA project is focused on increasing the number of qualified nursing faculty in rural areas. Research has shown that residents of rural areas who receive education in their home areas will be more likely to stay and practice and teach in those areas. OHSU School of Nursing is offering a fellowship to three students who have been admitted to the Master's of Nursing Education program. This fellowship is in the form of an \$8,000 stipend to be used over the five terms of the Master's of Nursing Education program. In return for this stipend, the student agrees to serve as a teaching assistant in one course per term over four terms while enrolled in the Master's in Nursing Education program. The student also commits to teach in a rural community and/or participate in statewide teaching efforts through distance delivery for at least 2 years post graduation from the program. Students must be admitted and in good academic standing in order to be considered for this fellowship. The fellowship will be awarded using information provided on this application. Students will not be considered for this fellowship unless they complete this application form and essay.

Name _____ Social Security No. _____
Mailing Address _____
County _____ International Status _____
E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____
Date of Birth _____ State of Residency _____

Academic Information

Student Status: New OHSU Student Current OHSU Student

Campus (check one): Ashland Klamath Falls La Grande Monmouth Portland

New Students Only: Cumulative GPA: _____ GRE Scores: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____

Current OHSU Students Only: Cumulative Nursing GPA: _____ Expected credit load for the year: _____
GRE Scores: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Year entered: _____
Expected Graduation date: _____

Have you applied to the Master in Nursing Education program? Yes No

Have you been admitted to the Master in Nursing Education program? Yes No

Ethnicity and Race

To help the university comply with a commitment to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, you are urged to identify your ethnic background and gender. You may decline to do so without prejudicing the action taken on your application.

Please check one ethnicity/race:

Hispanic Asian or Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic Black American Indian or Alaskan Native
Non-Hispanic White Other: _____

Please check one gender:

Male Female

Financial Need- FAFSA Information

Fellowship applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov for scholarship consideration. (Check One)

I have submitted my FAFSA materials to the OHSU School of Nursing. My Estimated Family Contribution is \$ _____
I will file the FAFSA and submit my materials to the OHSU School of nursing by _____ (date).

Have you received a scholarship from SON in the past? Yes No

If yes, which one(s) and in what amount(s)?

Source or Name of Award	Amount	Year(s) Received
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Scholarship Essay

Attach an essay of no more than 1000 words in response to the question: "Why I Choose Nursing Education as a Profession." Please be sure to include information about your background, specialty, and career plans, including how you plan to become integral to teaching in rural areas of Oregon.

Signature

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my ability. I authorize the OHSU School of Nursing to release this scholarship application and its contents to the OHSU Foundation outside of the Scholarship Committee in order to determine my eligibility for scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to:

OHSU School of Nursing, Office of Admissions, Mail Code SN-ADM, 3455 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd, Portland, OR 97239-2941