



MNF Nurse Leader for Safe Patient Care Scholarship

Professional healthcare conferences are offered on a variety of levels. Facility-based conferences or in-services are common in many organizations, and local nursing associations often provide annual meetings where members and students are invited to hear speakers of common interest. There are many conferences on a national level sponsored by various organizations for healthcare and nursing specialties. Going with a co-worker can enhance the experience by having someone with whom you can discuss the information afterwards that may help you not only retain the knowledge, but also may provide additional strength if you want to implement changes based upon what you have learned. There are many obvious benefits to attending these activities, but national and state conferences can be costly, last for several days and often involve travel. The Michigan Nurses Foundation is pleased to announce, on behalf of contributors Diane and John Goddeeris, the *Nurse Leader for Safe Patient Care Scholarship*.

Requirements for the scholarship:

- Must be a member of an MNA represented facility, as this opportunity is for members that understand the value of belonging to the association.
- Members of the MNA Board of Directors at the time of the application are not eligible.
- Members on full release time currently or within the past 12 months are not eligible, this will allow *active staff nurses* to benefit from the scholarship fund.
- Applicants must have been working in an MNA bargaining unit for the past 12 months.
- Must have been involved with one MNA action activity in the past 12 months from the date of the application. (Would like MNA members that contribute to nurse activism or nurse leadership activities to have a professional reward).
- Submit a summary on why it is important to attend, what you hope to learn, and how conference information will be disseminated to LBU members. (This will help the MNF board choose scholarship winners if there are multiple applicants).
- Include support from a member of the LBU executive team as a leader of your unit or within MNA or both. (To serve as a validation of LBU/MNA action activity).
- Submit a breakdown of costs along with the conference brochure. Scholarship money can be used for travel, registration, hotel, meals and associated expenses.
- Within two months of attending the conference, awardee to send the MNF a short report covering how the education affected practice, how they shared the information learned with LBU members, and if it was utilized by staff in their area.
- If possible, save conference materials for the Foundation to use in marketing, fundraising and presentations to demonstrate value of the scholarship.
- MNA Members may receive this scholarship only once every 5 years

Amount of Scholarship funds available per person per year:

- Up to \$2,000 per person to attend a national conference in a specialty area or
- Up to \$3,000 total for two members to attend the *same* national conference
- No more than \$3000 would be awarded per year
- Members may choose to only ask for a portion of their total costs



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Payment of scholarship:

- The Foundation will disperse half of the desired funds on approval
- The other half of the desired funds will be dispersed on receipt of report

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Email address:

Phone:

MNA - Local Bargaining Unit Information

MNA/LBU:

Length of membership:

Unit/Department/Agency Specialty:

MNA or LBU event or activity that you participated in during the past 12 months:

Describe your participation in that event and how that contributed to you as an MNA leader:

LBU Executive Committee member's confirmation of your leadership activity

I am in support of _____ attending this conference.
This member has demonstrated commitment to MNA / LBU through their active participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Conference requesting to attend:

Date of conference:

Briefly state why you would like to attend this conference, how it may affect your nursing practice, and how you will present the information to other MNA members:

	Airfare or Gas	
	Hotel Costs	# of days
	Cost per day	
	Conference Registration Fee	
	Estimated Meals	# days
	Cost per day	
	Estimated other expenses listed below	
	Total	

If awarded this scholarship, I understand that I will receive half the requested amount on approval. Within two months of attending the conference, I will send a report covering how the sessions affected my practice and how the information was shared with other MNA nurses and staff at my facility. I will allow that report to be used by the Michigan Nurses Foundation in publications and marketing. On receipt of the report by the Michigan Nurses Foundation, I will receive the second half of the scholarship monies.

Signature of MNA Member: _____ Date: _____