

**John Randolph Foundation**

**Sylvia J. Slominski**

**Nursing Scholarship Program**

**Application Guidelines**

**PURPOSE:**

To promote careers in the **nursing profession** by awarding scholarships to students pursuing a degree as a Registered Nurse. This scholarship is potentially renewable for one additional consecutive year assuming the applicant continues to meet all criteria and submits an application for renewal.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Sylvia J. Slominski Nursing Scholarship Program was established in 2009 in honor of Sylvia J. Slominski by her husband, Michael H. Slominski. Having received her RN from the Sisters of Charity Nursing School in Buffalo, New York, she married her husband, a career military officer and followed him around the world working in military and civilian hospitals along the way. She practiced her craft at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, New York Kirk Army Hospital in Aberdeen, Maryland, U.S. Army Medical Center at Camp Kue, Okinawa, Japan, Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre De Grace Maryland, as a Red Cross Volunteer in Yongsan, South Korea and at Petersburg General Hospital (now known as Southside Regional Medical Center) in Petersburg, Virginia. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Chapman University and her Master's Degree from Central Michigan University. Having worked as a Medical/Surgical Nurse, an Emergency Room Nurse, and as an instructor (she developed and taught the Medical Technician Program at Petersburg General), she is an advocate of continuing education and excellent fundamental training for nurses. She holds uncompromising standards of excellence and professionalism in the nursing profession.

**POLICY:**

The scholarship program is available to residents of the Tri-Cities area (Petersburg, Hopewell, and Colonial Heights), Prince George and Chesterfield Counties and includes students who may not reside in these areas, but attend: L.C. Byrd High School and Cosby High School Health Sciences Specialty Center. Student interns working for John Randolph Foundation are eligible to apply; however, foundation trustees, other foundation employees and their immediate families (parents, spouses, brothers, sisters, and anyone claimed as a dependent for tax purposes) are not eligible to apply.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST:**

1. Be attending or accepted in college as a full time undergraduate (at least 6 hours per semester) or graduate student in the nursing field, or accepted in a hospital sponsored registered nurse program (Southside Regional Medical Center Nursing School, Bon Secours, VCU, or similar program);
2. Submit a completed “John Randolph Foundation Scholarship Application” online;
3. Mail or hand-deliver the “attachments” requested on the application (these attachments *cannot* be submitted online);
4. Demonstrate financial need; and
5. Must have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better.

## **PROCEDURE:**

The scholarship amount is **\$1,000** and **will be paid directly to the school** for current year tuition, fees, books purchased through the institution attended, and on-campus dormitory and meal plan expenses. The scholarship committee will review and evaluate all applications and announce awards each spring. The committee will also review and revise the scholarship policy and criteria as necessary.

The application may be obtained and submitted online at [johnrandolphfoundation.org](http://johnrandolphfoundation.org).

The deadlines are as follows:

- The **application must be completed online**. All required attachments must be either mailed to John Randolph Foundation, P.O. Box 1606, Hopewell, VA 23860 or delivered to the foundation’s office at 112 N. Main Street no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 15.
- If the above due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, then the deadline becomes the next business day by 4:00 p.m.

Direct any questions to the foundation office at the above address or call 458-2239.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION BY THE DEADLINE WILL DISQUALIFY AN APPLICANT FROM CONSIDERATION FOR THE SYLVIA J. SLOMINSKI NURSING SCHOLARSHIP. THE JOHN RANDOLPH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF SELECTION.

THE DECISION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IN ALL MATTERS REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS IS FINAL. CANVASSING ANY JOHN RANDOLPH FOUNDATION TRUSTEE OR EMPLOYEE SHALL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND CONTINGENT UPON ACCEPTANCE AND ENROLLMENT IN AN APPROVED PROGRAM.

JOHN RANDOLPH FOUNDATION RESPECTS THE PRIVACY OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS. ANY PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SOLELY TO THE FOUNDATION'S TRUSTEES AND STAFF. WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAINTAIN YOUR CONFIDENTIALITY.

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