

The AAPACN Education Foundation

Dedicated to fostering the educational advancement of nursing students and professionals within post-acute and long-term care practice through scholarship and other initiatives.

A Workforce Crisis

200,000+ openings for RNs per year over the next decade



This alarming figure from the US bureau of labor highlights a nursing workforce crisis already felt by the majority of post-acute and long-term care (LTPAC) facilities. Since 2020, more than 15% of nursing home staff have retired early, changed fields, or left the workforce entirely. Attracting new RNs to LTPAC is critical for the future of the profession, and **providing financial support for RN education is the mission of the AAPACN Education Foundation.**

A Financial Challenge

\$29,000 a year – average CNA salary



According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the average tuition for a two-year associate nursing program is \$3,780 per year and \$9,380 per year for a BSN program. For many young people entering the job market or CNAs hoping to become RNs, attending nursing school is something they simply can't afford. The **AAPACN Education Foundation is dedicated to lowering this financial barrier by providing academic scholarships for CNAs, LPNs, and RNs working in LTPAC.**

A Mission Of Nurse Education

\$151,000 in nursing scholarships



Since our founding in 2014, the AAPACN Education Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing, has funded \$151,000 in education scholarships, helping students earn their RN, BSN, or MSN and fulfill their career goals of working in LTPAC. We're proud of this support, but we want to do more! **The AAPACN Education Foundation hopes to expand our nursing scholarships in 2026. We need your help** to get there!

2026 Calendar

March 17-20

- Scholarship recipients honored at the AAPACN 2026 Conference
- Join the wine tasting FUNdraiser at the conference
- Conference Dollar Campaign – Make a donation at the conference to support the 2027 scholarships!

May 6-12

- Nurses Week Apparel Shopping Event – Support nurse education by purchasing a limited-edition Foundation-branded apparel item

September - October

- Back to School Campaign – Make a donation to help send LTPAC nurses back to school

Fall

- Applications open for the 2027 Scholarships

December 1

- Support nurse scholarships with a donation on Giving Tuesday

Meet the 2026 Scholarship Recipients



Advancing Nurse Leadership in Post-Acute Care Scholarship

Keeeya Lewis, DNP, MSNEd, RN



Elevating Post-Acute Care Nursing Scholarship

Teresa Clark, RN



Frontline Heroes in Post-Acute Care Scholarship

Brianna Woods, CNA



Lighting the Way for Post-Acute Care Nursing Scholarship

Mildred Horn, LPN

Give To Build A Brighter Future

Your generosity can make a difference

By making a tax-deductible contribution to the AAPACN Education Foundation, you'll be investing in the future of LTPAC and giving back to your profession. Help give someone the opportunity to become an LTPAC RN or earn an advance nursing degree.

Here's how:

- Scan the QR code or text NURSEScholarship to 707070 and make your donation right from your phone
- Add a donation to the AAPACN Education Foundation when you join or renew your AAPACN membership at AAPACN.org.
- Ask your employer to match your donation.
- Request that friends and family make a donation in your honor for your birthday or holidays.

