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Dear Dean/Director:

The Nurse Educators of Illinois (NEI) is pleased to announce the availability of at least six scholarship awards. These awards will be granted to qualified pre licensure nursing students, RNs completing a B.S.N. program, and students enrolled in master's and doctoral level nursing programs. The awards will be distributed in amounts of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each in late spring 2012. Eligibility includes **NEI membership on an individual or program level.**

Eligibility Criteria: Pre licensure (associate, baccalaureate, entry masters)/BSN completion)

The scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of academic merit and demonstrated potential for excellence in nursing practice. Applicants must:

- Be enrolled in an accredited associate, baccalaureate, entry master's or RN completion program
- Be enrolled full time or half time in their senior level clinical nursing courses
- have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 4.0 on a 5.0 scale.
- Submit one letter of recommendation delineating their scholarship, leadership, and clinical abilities
- Submit a one page written essay describing their accomplishments and aspirations in nursing
- Submit all application materials along with an unofficial transcript to Beth-Anne_Christopher@rush.edu on or before April 18, 2012.

Eligibility Criteria: Post licensure (masters or doctoral level)

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled full time or half time in an NLNAC or CCNE accredited post licensure masters, post masters certificate or doctoral level nursing program
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or 4.5 on a 5.0 scale
- Submit one letter of recommendation delineating scholarship, professional and leadership accomplishments
- Submit a one page essay describing their professional accomplishments and aspirations
- Complete the application form and submit all application materials along with an unofficial transcript to Beth-Anne_Christopher@rush.edu on or before April 18, 2012.

Scholarship application forms are available on line at www.neionline.org