



## **Tabitha S. Grier Medical Assistance Fund for U.Va. School of Nursing Alumni**

### ***Criteria for Application:***

- Applicant must be a U.Va. School of Nursing alumna or alumnus, and funds must be used for personal medical expenses (not those of a family member or spouse).
- Funds shall be used toward health care costs not covered by insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.
- Funds can be used toward medications, physician or nursing care, in-home or nursing home expenses, medical supplies and/or equipment, or hospitalization.
- Applicant's annual income must be \$25,000 or less, or applicant may otherwise demonstrate indigence in being unable to afford needed health care.
- No age restrictions.

### ***Application Procedures:***

- This fund will be advertised in the *Virginia Legacy*, which is mailed to all reachable nursing alumni. It is also advertised on the School of Nursing website, and via the Class Advocate system.
- Interested persons can request an application form from the School of Nursing Alumni and Development office or download it from the website.
- The applicant must write a (maximum) one-page narrative describing her/his health care needs and why s/he is unable to afford needed health care.
- Applications must include name, address, phone number, and class year and degrees. A social security number will be required from those receiving assistance.
- Applications should be supported by a letter from a physician and documentation of income from all sources.
- The annual deadline for applications is August 1 for awards made in the fall.
- All information will be kept confidential except where necessary to comply with law or to fulfill University responsibilities.

### ***Selection of Recipients:***

- The total amount to be awarded will be determined by the amount of income available from the fund each fiscal year.
- The selection committee will consider the merits of each application on a case-by-case basis.
- Selection will ordinarily be made where the need appears greatest and not on a "first-come" basis.
- We cannot guarantee that all or any applicant(s) will receive funds. More than one award may be made each year. We reserve the right to decline any award even to applications demonstrating indigence.

### ***Selection Committee:***

- An ad hoc committee of the School of Nursing Alumni Council will review the applications in September, in conjunction with the September Alumni Council meeting, if possible.
- Due to the confidential nature of the material submitted by the applicants, the committee shall consist of three to five members, including:
  - Awards Coordinator, chair of ad hoc committee
  - 1-3 committee members chosen from Alumni Council members
  - Director of Alumni Affairs and Donor Relations
- The committee will review the applications and designate recipients of funding. The Director of Alumni Affairs will notify all applicants, in writing, of the awarding of funds or inability of the Alumni Council to support the financial request.