



VSU Johnson Scholars Program

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has joined with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to create *New Careers in Nursing: An RWJF Scholarship Program* to help alleviate the nursing shortage and increase the diversity of nursing professionals.

Five students will be awarded the NCIN scholarship of \$10,000 each and welcomed into Valdosta State University's College of Nursing and Health Sciences as Johnson Scholars in May 2015. Each Johnson Scholar has already earned a bachelor's degree in another field and is making a career change to nursing through VSU's Accelerated BSN program, which is a 15 month program.

The Johnson Scholars, in accepting the NCIN Scholarship, agree to participate fully in the leadership program and mentoring program, as well as in a pre-entry immersion program provided by VSU and by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to help scholars learn study, test-taking, and other skills that will help them manage the challenges of an accelerated program.

What are the qualifications?

In order to qualify to receive the scholarship, you must first apply to and be accepted into the Accelerated BSN program at Valdosta State University. **If you are eligible, you should apply for the scholarship and complete a FAFSA even if you have not yet been accepted into the Accelerated BSN program.** You must also complete a scholarship application for the Johnson Scholarship (link available on the CONHS website). In order to qualify for the Johnson Scholarship, you must be from an underrepresented group in nursing OR from an economically disadvantaged background (certification as economically disadvantaged requires that a current FAFSA be on file with VSU's Office of Financial Aid at <http://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>).

1. You qualify for the scholarship as a member of an underrepresented group in nursing if you identify ethnically as: **AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE; BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN; HISPANIC OR LATINO; NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER**
2. You qualify for the scholarship as a member of an underrepresented group in nursing if you are **MALE**.
3. You qualify for the scholarship if you come from an **ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUND**.

Economically disadvantaged - defined as an individual who comes from a family **BELOW** the annual income level according to the family size in the table below (use parents' income if you are less than 24 years of age):

Family Size	Maximum Income Level**
1	\$22,340
2	\$30,260
3	\$38,180
4	\$46,100
5	\$54,040
6	\$61,940
7	\$69,860
8	\$77,780

The application deadline for admission into the Accelerated BSN program and for the Johnson Scholars Scholarship is December 15, 2014.

Contact Dr. Rebecca Green at rdgreen@valdosta.edu or 229-333-5959 to learn more about the Johnson Scholarship.