



2024 Student Scholarships

The AANA Foundation received 2,592 competitive student scholarship applications this year, and 100 scholarships were awarded totaling \$297,000. The scholarships include:

AANA Diamond Club Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: AANA Diamond Club (funded by the Past Presidents of the AANA. This year's scholarship is in memory of Ronald Caulk)
Recipient(s): Jessica Sparks, The University of Akron Nurse Anesthesia Program, OH

AANA Diversity Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA
Recipient(s): Cecilia Lopez, Columbia University School of Nursing Program in Nurse Anesthesia, NY; Tenzin Lobsang, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesiology, MN; Ledys Perez, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

AANA Foundation Scholarships—Twenty-One \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA Foundation
Recipient(s): Perla Sanchez-Perez, Arkansas State University Jonesboro, AR; Jamie Atkins, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL; Stefannie Wilkes-Pounders, Union University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Track, TN; Dillon Olson, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, MN; Emily Teague, Texas Christian University School of Nurse Anesthesia, TX; Benjamin Grossnicklaus, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, NE; Alyssa Reed, Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program, MN; Patricia Eusala, University of Southern California (USC) Program of Nurse Anesthesia Department of Anesthesiology Keck School of Medicine, CA; Kate Manuel, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, MO; Amber Todd, University of Michigan-Flint Nurse Anesthesia Program, MI; Mason Easterling, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Cory Drietz, Clarkson College Nurse Anesthesia Program, NE; Erin Cordell, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga /Erlanger Health System Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, TN; Kayleigh Lewandowski, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, NE; Joshua Austin, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Andrew Bourg, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Emily Shands, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, MO; Abigail Wu, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Lan Pham, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; William Carter, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL; Julianna Jarrett, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

ALANA Scholarships—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Daniel Strom, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Emily Perry, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL

Art Zwerling Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in memory of Art Zwerling, CRNA)
Recipient(s): Patthama Phuektong, La Roche University Nurse Anesthesia Program

Barry Anthony Cranfill Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Sentry Anesthesia Mgt. (in memory of Barry A. Cranfill, CRNA)
Recipient(s): Brandon Edmondson, Medical University of South Carolina Anesthesia for Nurses Program, SC

CRNA Financial Success Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: CRNA Financial Planning®
Recipient(s): Emily Cyr, Duke University, NC

Cynthia Mc Nerney Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Cynthia Mc Nerney
Recipient(s): Alexandra Jones, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Dean M. Cox Memorial Scholarships—Four \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: David R. Javaheri, in memory of Dean M. Cox, CRNA
Recipient(s): Madeline DeBuys, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Haleigh Somberg, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC; Sarah Walker, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Jasmine Juwipart, Samuel Merritt University Program of Nurse Anesthesia, CA

Dean and Fred Hayden Memorial National Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden
Recipient(s): Meghan Levy, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Diana U. Davidson Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Jeff Rodz, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Dr. Maureen Reilly, PhD, CRNA Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Association of Veteran's Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Daniel Park, University of Minnesota School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Area of Study, MN

Dr. Sandra K. Tunajek Scholarship for Nurse Anesthesia Education—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Jubilyn Akaragwe, Murray State University DNP Program, Nurse Anesthesia, KY

Edward Hyland, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Kyle Mench, Drexel University Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Elizabeth Burt Jeter Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA

Recipient(s): Kayla Williams, Augusta University Nursing Anesthesia Program, GA

Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of all Florida's Nurse Anesthetists)

Recipient(s): Grant Nedlik, University of South Florida College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesiology Program, FL

Frank T. Maziariski, MS, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Frank T. Maziariski, MS, CRNA

Recipient(s): Kayla Collier, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

GANA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Karina Atienza, Florida State University, FL

George DeVane Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Kristina Luna, Newman University Nurse Anesthesia Program, KS

George William Jeter Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA

Recipient(s): Julie Gallant, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga /Erlanger Health System Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, TN

The Grace and Daniel Connelly Family Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Grace and Daniel Connelly

Recipient(s): Tiffany Nelson, Hofstra-Northwell Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia, NY

Hagan Insurance and New York Life Veteran's Scholarship—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Hagan Insurance Group and New York Life Insurance Co.

Recipient(s): James Warren, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Kelly Robinson, Barry University College of Health and Wellness - Nurse Anesthesiology Programs, FL; Matthew Saunders, The University of Arizona College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, AZ

Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Hazel Currier

Recipient(s): Emily Claire Sherrill, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL

Jack Neary Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Sean Fricke, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Jeffrey Molter Advocacy Scholarship—\$3,500

Sponsor: Jeffrey Molter

Recipient(s): Elizabeth Fabrizio, St. Elizabeth Health Center School for Nurse Anesthetists, Inc., OH

Jeffrey Molter Leadership Scholarship—\$3,500

Sponsor: Jeffrey Molter

Recipient(s): Jacob Hunter, University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Program - Nurse Anesthesia Major, OH

John F. Garde Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs

Recipient(s): Vivian Dang, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Joyce W. Kelly, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia

Recipient(s): Adrian Bermudez, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Kathryn Waud White, Student Leadership Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Malia Schlecht, Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program, MN

Kristine Goryanec Willingham Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Paul Willingham

Recipient(s): Youn Young, Rutgers School of Nursing Anesthesia Program, NJ

Lakeview Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: James and Margot Hinchliff, CRNA

Recipient(s): Jessica Chisenhall, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL

Larry Lysne Leadership Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Victoria Drake, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$1,000

Sponsor: Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Benjamin Kinsella, University of New England School of Nurse Anesthesia, ME

Maria Roach, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Maria Roach, CRNA

Recipient(s): Liza Phillips, Northwestern State University Nurse Anesthesia Program, LA

Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Inc.

Recipient(s): Ariel Anderson, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program, MD

Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Parents and Spouse of Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA

Recipient(s): Renee Smethurst, Mount Marty University Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesiology, SD

Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarships—Five \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Jessi Emmons, University of Michigan-Flint Nurse Anesthesia Program, MI; Justin Walukonis, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI; Brittany Garoufalis, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, MI; Christopher Nader, Michigan State University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, MI; Justeena Kuiper, Oakland University Beaumont Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI

Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Aliah Hurt, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, MN

Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Christine Bergesch, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, MO

NBCRNA DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: NBCRNA
Recipient(s): Dahriel Aron, Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest University School of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC; Connor Nowotny, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Nurse Anesthesia Program, AR; Kendall Owens, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI

Nebraska Student Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$1,000

Sponsor: Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Darian Hill, Clarkson College Nurse Anesthesia Program, NE

New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (NEANA)—\$3,000

Sponsor: New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Gabriela Acobo, Fairfield University Nurse Anesthesia Program, CT

New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists Lorrie Bennett Scholarship—\$2,500

Sponsor: New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Dominic Pomo, University of Evansville Nurse Anesthesia Program, IN

NCANA Doctoral LEAD Scholarship (Leadership Education & Development)—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Ryan Watson, UNC Greensboro, School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, NC; Macey Arrington, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

NAPF Scholarship—Five \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Nurse Anesthesia Pride Foundation (NAPF, formerly GALA)
Recipient(s): Jesse Horner, University of Louisville Nurse Anesthesia Program, KY; Andrew Roman Gartee, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Caleb Martin, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Jennifer Raab, Michigan State University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, MI; Kevin Pasquale, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI

OSANA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Whitney Snellgrove, University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Program - Nurse Anesthesia Major, OH

Palmer Carrier Student Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Palmer Carrier
Recipient(s): William Thomas, NorthShore University HealthSystem School of Nurse Anesthesia DePaul University, IL

Patty Cornwell Stewardship and Advocacy Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Helen Conley, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesiology Concentration, TN

Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of Mary Depaolis Lutzo, CRNA, ARNP; Sister Mary Bernard and the PANA Past Presidents)
Recipient(s): Jasmine Lord, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Margaret Schluter, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Samantha Tyson, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Dignitary Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in memory of the PANA members who passed away this year, Carol Kuliczowski and Mary Watts)
Recipient(s): Peg Ling (Penny) Cheong, Drexel University Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Richard Ouellette Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Richard Ouellette
Recipient(s): Yilmaz Ates, Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest University School of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Ronald Lenninger Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Bobbi Lenninger
Recipient(s): Carmen Drentlaw, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesiology, MN

Russell Lynn Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania and New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Julia Corbin, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Sandra J. Kilde, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Minneapolis School of Anesthesia
Recipient(s): Natalie Kearns, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia/Metro State University, MN

SRNA Mom Scholarship—\$3,250

Sponsor: CRNA Moms
Recipient(s): Dessiarae Sanchez, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL

SRNA Mom Scholarship (Single Parent)—\$3,250

Sponsor: CRNA Moms

Recipient(s): Susan Jacques, Western Carolina University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Steve Mund Veteran's Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Angie Mund

Recipient(s): Jodi-Ann Taylor, South College DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program, TN

TANA Education District #4 Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists Education District #4

Recipient(s): Delaney Katz, Texas Christian University, TX

Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Jena Conway, Mary Baldwin University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, VA