

NURSE EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: The purpose of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program, created in 2006, is to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher learning that award degrees in nursing.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is authorized to make awards to participating institutions on behalf of nursing faculty who have been nominated and selected to receive a Nurse Educator Fellowship Award during Fiscal Year 2010. Awards will be used to supplement the salaries of the nursing faculty selected for the Fellowship.

This item presents a recommendation for 18 individuals at eligible institutions to receive the Nurse Educator Fellowship Awards for Fiscal Year 2010. These individuals have been selected from a group of 34 nominees and meet the qualifications set forth in the Nurse Educator Fellowship Act.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approves the allocation of \$180,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 18 individuals recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship Awards in Fiscal Year 2010.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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This program is one of several Illinois nursing initiatives created in 2006. The purpose of the program is to ensure the retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher learning that award degrees in nursing. Awards are used to supplement the salaries of the nursing faculty selected for the Fellowship.

Eligible Institutions

Participation in this program is open to Illinois institutions of higher learning with a nursing program approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

Fellowship Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to receive an award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- nominated by the chief nursing administrator in an eligible institution;
- made significant contributions to the nursing program;
- Illinois resident and a minimum of a master's degree in nursing;
- employed in a full-time nursing faculty position at an eligible institution;
- employed by the nominating institution in a teaching position preparing registered nurses for a minimum of 12 months; and
- not received an award in the past three years (FY2007, FY2008, and FY2009).

Fellowship Awards

Thirty-four eligible applications were received for the Fiscal Year 2010 awards. The applications were reviewed by an external independent nursing expert and Board staff. In Fiscal Year 2010, the \$180,000 allocation for the Fellowship program will support 18 awards. Fellowship funds are salary supplements that, at the discretion of the Fellow, may also be used for expenses related to professional development and continuing education. Awards will be made to the participating higher education institution in behalf of the fellow selected for receiving the award.

Duties and Responsibilities

The fellows selected to participate in the Fiscal Year 2010 Nurse Educator Fellowship Program will be responsible to participate in statewide nursing advocacy to help address the nursing shortage in Illinois. Fellows may also be required to consult with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Center for Nursing regarding statewide nursing issues. Each fellow will be responsible to prepare a final report that describes their fellowship experience.

Recommendations

The staff recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

That the Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the allocation of \$180,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 18 individuals recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship awards for Fiscal Year 2010 (see Appendix 1).

APPENDIX 1
FY2010 Nurse Educator Fellowship Recommendations

(in alphabetical order)

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Susan L. Baylor, MSN, RN, NCSN, CNE Assistant Professor	St. Anthony College of Nursing
Bonnie J. Beardsley, PhD, RN Associate Professor	Benedictine University
Pamela Bradley, MSN, RN, OCN, CNE* Assistant Professor	Lincoln Land Community College
Kelly Jo Cone, PhD, RN, CNE Professor	St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing
Darla Kim DeWolff, MSN, RN, CPNP* Assistant Professor	West Suburban College of Nursing
Heather L. Duncan, MSN, RN* Assistant Professor	North Park University
Christine R. Durbin, PhD, JD, RN Assistant Professor	Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville
Catherine Folker-Maglaya, MSN, RN Instructor	CCC - Harry S Truman College
Teresa J. Krassa, PhD, RN, CNE Clinical Assistant Professor	University of Illinois at Chicago
Pamela Lynn Lindsey, DNS, RN Assistant Professor	Illinois State University
Rebecca Ann Luebbert, MSN, RN, PMHCNS-BC* Assistant Professor	Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville
Cheryl A. Luster-Klemp, MSN, RN* Instructor	South Suburban College of Cook County
Anne Morgan, MSN, RN Instructor	Moraine Valley Community College
Nancy L. Novotny, PhD, RN Assistant Professor	Methodist College of Nursing
Penny J. Reiss, PhD, RN Assistant Professor	Elmhurst College
Jennifer Burton Rousseau, MSN, RN/APN * Assistant Professor	Rush University
Zepure Samawi, PhD, RN Associate Professor	St. Xavier University
Jennie Van Schyndel, MSN, RN* Assistant Professor	St. Johns College
* Doctoral student	

Each recipient will receive a \$10,000 award for a total of \$180,000.

