What is the Osher Scholars Program?
The Osher Scholars Program is intended to provide financial assistance to nursing students who demonstrate a commitment to serving the needs of underserved populations, show high promise for leadership in their future professional careers, and have financial need.

The purpose of this scholarship is to: (1) underscore the importance the University places on community service and the role this plays in nursing education, and (2) assist student recipients with the cost of attendance and reduce the amount of debt that they would otherwise accrue by the time of graduation.

Students receiving this award are expected to undertake some form of community service above and beyond their clinical activity while enrolled in school and agree to report quarterly on the specific nature and extent of this activity.

What does the Osher Scholarship provide?
The Osher Scholarship provides approximately $15,000.00 per year for two academic years.

Who is eligible to apply?
Incoming MS students (also MEPN students entering their first year of MS specialty training) who complete the attached Osher application, a School of Nursing Traineeship application, and who meet the following application criteria:

• Full time student with an undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.2;
• Students who meet the School of Nursing’s relative financial need criteria; and
• Students who exhibit potential for leadership and high achievement in the nursing profession and a commitment to care for vulnerable and underserved populations upon graduation.

Who is not eligible?
• Recipients of the Professional Nurse Traineeship award are not eligible to receive the Osher Scholarship. Students will be required to choose one or the other;
• UCSF employees receiving Employee Fee Reduction are not eligible to receive the Osher Scholarship; and
• Second year MS students

What are the Awardees' responsibilities?
If you are granted an Osher Scholarship, you must:

• Provide a quarterly report on this activity directly to Maria Elena de Guzman, Student Funding Coordinator, at mariaelena.deguzman@ucsf.edu;
• Maintain service to the community while enrolled in the Master of Science program equal to at least 2 hours per week or 25-30 hours per quarter;
• Maintain a GPA of at least 3.2;
• Maintain full-time registered student status (minimum of 8 units). No support can be provided to students on filing fee status; and
• Make an oral report and/or attend an annual Osher Foundation Board of Directors Reception.

What is the application process?
Obtain all application documents from the School of Nursing financial aid webpage.

• Complete the Osher Scholarship application, on the following pages and provide a reference letter from a community service contact (page 5 of application); and
• Complete the Professional Nurse Traineeship application.

When and where do I submit my applications?
Deadline of submission of both applications 4:00 p.m., June 1st every year* (If June 1st falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the following regular workday.)

Submit Osher Scholarship along with the Professional Nurse Traineeship applications to:

Maria Elena de Guzman
Osher Scholars Program
UCSF School of Nursing, Office of Student Affairs
2 Koret Way, N-319
San Francisco, CA  94143

More information? Contact Maria Elena de Guzman mariaelena.deguzman@nursing.ucsf.edu

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University of California, San Francisco
School of Nursing

Osher Scholars Program
Application Form
(Please Print or Type)

Section A: Personal Information

1. Full Legal Name

2. Current Mailing Address

3. Permanent Mailing Address

4. Email

Section B: History of volunteer community service (list unpaid service only starting with present service)

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Section C: Essay (limit to one page) – History of leadership roles in any aspect of your personal and/or professional life.
Section D: Essay - Career Goal Statement (limit to one page) – Describe how volunteer service fits in with your professional career goals and interests. You will be evaluated on the following:

- Clarity and focus; and
- Professional contributions that show high promise for future nursing leadership in the care of vulnerable and underserved populations.
Section E: Essay -Personal Statement (limit to one page) – Elaborate on the type of volunteer commitments you have provided in the past, and what you would anticipate on doing if awarded the Osher Scholarship that contributes to meaningful commitment in an area that links to current graduate study.

Signature

Print Full Name

Date

Return all pages of this Osher application along with the reference letter from your community volunteer contact and all pages of the Professional Nurse Traineeship application by 4 p.m., June 1st to:

Maria Elena de Guzman
Osher/PNST
UCSF School of Nursing
Office of Student Affairs
2 Koret Way, N-319
San Francisco, CA 94143
OSHER SCHOLARS PROGRAM
LETTER of REFERENCE

Name of Applicant: _______________________________________________________

The Student Awards Committee would appreciate your opinion concerning the person named above, who has applied for a fellowship at this university. Please provide information about the applicant’s role as a volunteer and his/her accomplishments which reflect a commitment to serve the underserved population. If you need to use a separate page, remember to include your rating (below) for the applicant.

Please also rate the applicant on this scale (check one).

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Recommender's Name (printed) ___________________________ Title ___________________________

Address

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

✦ The applicant needs to submit this letter together with the application by 4 p.m., June 1st.