

## OSHER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**Due April 15**

### **Purpose**

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

### **Eligibility**

Incoming MS students (also MEPN students entering their first year of MS specialty training) who meet the following 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;
- 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; and
- *Who are **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.

### **Support**

The Osher Scholarship provides approximately \$15,000.00 per year for two academic years.

### **Responsibilities**

Students receiving this award are expected to undertake some form of community service above and beyond their clinical activity while enrolled in school. If you are granted an Osher Scholarship, you must:

- Submit an annual plan about the volunteer activity to Maria Elena de Guzman, Student Funding Coordinator, [mariaelena.deguzman@ucsf.edu](mailto:mariaelena.deguzman@ucsf.edu);
- Provide a quarterly report on this activity to Maria Elena de Guzman;
- 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.

### **Application Process**

- Download and fill out the SON scholarship application and the Osher application addendum from the School of Nursing Financial Aid webpage;
- Submit a most current CV;
- Provide reference letter from the community service contact; and
- Complete the [FAFSA](#).

### **Submission of Application (due April 15)**

Submit the completed SON scholarship application, application addendum, CV, along with the reference letter via email in pdf format (not jpg) to Maria Elena de Guzman, Student Funding Coordinator - [SONStudentFunding@ucsf.edu](mailto:SONStudentFunding@ucsf.edu)

## OSHER SCHOLARS PROGRAM Application Addendum

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SF #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1: History of volunteer community service** (list unpaid service only starting with present service)

<i>Organization/Location</i>	<i>Activity/Role</i>	<i>Dates/Frequency(# of hours weekly/monthly)</i>

**Part 2:** Essay (limit to this one page) – History of leadership roles in any aspect of your personal and/or professional life.

**Part 3:** 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 of career goals
- Professional contributions that show high promise for future nursing leadership in the care of vulnerable and underserved populations

**Part 4:** Essay -Personal Statement (limit to this one page) – Elaborate on the type of volunteer commitments you have provided in the past and clearly delineate what you would anticipate on doing if awarded the Osher Scholarship. You will be evaluated on:

- Realism/feasibility of plans for meaningful community service involvement
- Meaningful commitment in an area that links to current graduate study.

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## 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).*

<i>Below Average</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>	<i>Truly Exceptional</i>	<i>Unable to Observe</i>
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<i>Recommender's Name (printed)</i>				<i>Title</i>	
<i>Address</i>					
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<i>Signature</i>				<i>Date</i>	