

The 2011-2012 GNA Scholarship Program Application

PLEASE PRINT.

Nominee's Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Employment Start Date _____

Please list nominations, awards, commendations that the nominee has received in the last year.

Why do you believe the individual is deserving of the GNA Scholarship?

How long has the nominee served in his/her current role?

Has he/she been promoted from within (not required)?

Present education level of nominee:

Grade/GPA from previous year (follow-up funding only)

Name of community college or university at which nominee plans to continue his/her education.

Name of program/class for which nominee plans to utilize scholarship funds.

Supervisor's Signature

Administrator's Signature

Please return this application by mail or fax by June 30, or November 30, 2011 to:

The Beacon Institute
10280 Old Columbia Road, Suite 220
Columbia, MD 21046

Facsimile: 410-381-6061
www.lifespan-network.org

Letter of support from supervisor/administrator enclosed.



The 2011-2012 BEACON INSTITUTE Geriatric Nurse Assistant Scholarship Program



The 2011-2012 Beacon Institute GNA Scholarship Program

The Beacon Institute is proud to announce the GNA Scholarship Program, it is designed to provide opportunities for Geriatric Nurse Assistants employed in senior care facilities to continue their education and training in whatever health care fields they choose.



Eligibility

Geriatric Nurse Assistants who are employees in LifeSpan member facilities are eligible to apply for the scholarship program, following the successful completion of temporary or provisional employment. Administrators, Chief Executive Officers, Chief Operating Officers, Directors of Nursing and other similarly-titled individuals are encouraged to nominate Geriatric Nurse Assistants staff members for the scholarship program.

Successful applicants will become eligible to receive scholarship funds following the LifeSpan facility administrator's written confirmation of the individual's successful completion of six months of employment service, and good standing as an employee.

- Maximum of one scholarship awarded, per individual during the calendar year.
- LifeSpan associate members are not eligible to apply for the scholarship program.
- Non-members are not eligible to apply for the scholarship program.

For a list of LifeSpan's member facilities, visit www.LifeSpan-Network.org.

Application Process

All qualified GNA's are encouraged to apply. Complete the scholarship application and return to the Beacon Institute. The Beacon Institute's Scholarships Committee will determine the 2011 scholarship awards recipients in July 2011, and scholarship awards recipients in January 2012.

The decisions of the scholarships committee are final.

Scholarship Amounts

\$750 will be awarded to each of the successful applicants, to be used to further their education in any health care field at any accredited community college or university in Maryland or Washington DC. Funds will be paid directly to the college or university of the successful applicant's choice.

Criteria for Acceptance

Nominees' supervisors must complete the enclosed scholarship application. Letter(s) of recommendation are encouraged as well. Winners will be selected based upon the successful completion of six months of employment in a LifeSpan member facility, and the recommendations of the facility administrator and direct supervisor.



Important Dates

June/December 2011: Scholarship Applications Due
July 2011/January 2012: Scholarship Funds Disbursed



About LifeSpan and Beacon

LifeSpan is the largest senior care provider Association in the Mid-Atlantic, representing more than 300 senior care provider organizations in Maryland and the District of Columbia, serving over 40,000 seniors in settings that span the care spectrum. LifeSpan's members include nonprofit and proprietary assisted living, continuing care retirement communities, nursing facilities, subsidized senior housing and community and hospital based programs.

The Beacon Institute is LifeSpan's Educational Affiliate. The Beacon is dedicated to providing education and fostering understanding of a wide range of issues pertaining to senior citizens. The Beacon provides educational and training programs, scholarships, research, and encourages the delivery of quality service to seniors.

The Beacon's mission is to provide **quality of life and quality of care for seniors.**

