SNA SCHOLARSHIPS – 2012

The Trained Nurses’ Association of India (TNAI) invites applications for award of SNA Scholarships for the year 2012. Scholarships are available for Basic Nursing Training Programmes in each course of study as follows:

1. Multipurpose Health Workers (Female)/Revised ANM Programme.
2. Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery.
3. Degree Course in Basic BSc Nursing.

Selected candidates will be paid Rs. 15,000/- per scholastic/academic year disbursed monthly i.e. Rs. 1,250/- p.m. Besides, there is provision of Rs. 2,000/- for books in the first year only.

Minimum Requirements
• Successful completion of first three months of preliminary training period.
• Application shall be recommended by the (1) Incharge/Principal, College or School of Nursing, and (2) President / Secretary/SNA Advisor of the TNAI State Branch. Incomplete application forms will not be accepted.

Other Conditions
• The SNA unit sponsoring the candidate for the Scholarship should be an active Unit for at least three years, and should have contributed to the Association in some way.
• The applicant should not be receiving any financial support/benefits from any other source by way of stipend / fellowship / scholarship, etc.
• Certificate of annual income of the family/guardian of the candidate issued by the competent authority must be attached along with the filled-in application form for scholarship.
• The applicant should be a bonafide student of a School/College of Nursing, recognised by Indian Nursing Council.

I. Preference will be given to the candidate's active participation in SNA activities at National/State/District/Zonal and Unit levels.
II. On completion of the study, each awardee is obliged to become a Life Member of the Association. A sum of SNA to TNAI Membership fee will be deducted while paying the Scholarship and the student will be enrolled as a Life Member of the TNAI. The Head of the Institution would forward membership application of the candidate to the TNAI Headquarters soon after the successful completion of the programme.
III. The candidates selected for the Scholarships are required to sign an agreement that they will serve the country for the period as under:
   (a) Multipurpose Health Worker (Female)/ANM . for one year.
   (b) GNM and BSc Nursing graduate . for two years.

Failure to serve for the specified periods stated above shall render a candidate liable to refund the scholarship amount paid along with interest thereon as decided by TNAI. The refund of scholarship shall be as follows:
Refund in full: If the above specified period is less than half, i.e. below six months in the case of MPHW (F) candidate, and below one year in the case of GNM and BSc Nursing Graduate.

Half refund: If the above specified period is six months or more in the case of MPHW (F), one year in case of GNM and BSc Nursing Graduate.

- Request for Application form should be addressed to the Secretary-General, Trained Nurses’ Association of India, L-17, Florence Nightingale Lane, Green Park, New Delhi - 110016, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope (size 24x10 cm) bearing postage stamp worth Rs 5/- (Rupees five).

- Application complete in all respects should be submitted through State Branch President/Secretary/SNA Advisor together with a Demand Draft of Rs. 100/- as Application Fee payable at New Delhi. Applications without fee will not be entertained.

- The last date for receipt of Applications is 15 June 2012, thereafter a late fee of Rs.150/- will be charged till 30 June 2012. No application will be considered thereafter.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

March 2012

The Management/Principal,
All the Schools/Colleges of Nursing in India,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the TNAI/SNA Headquarters!

The Trained Nurses’ Association of India, the national professional body of Nurses is happy to note that under your able management a new School/College of Nursing has recently been established. It is our pleasure to invite your nursing students to come and join the Student Nurses’ Association of India. It is a nation wide organization of nursing students established in 1929. The main purpose of forming the SNA is to facilitate the nursing students’ all round development and accredit them to join TNAI as qualified nurses. It is a remarkable achievement that the growth of SNA units has been persistent ever since its inception. At present there are over 1000 SNA units with more than 1 lakh Student Nurses as members all over the country.

In SNA, a wide variety of activities such as professional, social, cultural and recreational are encouraged for students to strengthen their curricular and extra curricular activities. Few activities of SNA are mentioned below which are competitive:

- Poster/Chart competitions,
- Public Speaking & Writing (to improve their communication skill), Poetry Recitation,
- Rangoli,
- Personality contest,
- Scientific Paper Presentation etc.
• Sports competitions and cultural activities.

Other activities in the shape of article writing, flower arrangement, cooking, sewing, interior decoration, gardening are also encouraged. Dynamism and energy of the young nursing students are channelized constructively through fine arts, drama, dance, music and painting competitions. The SNA Biennial Conference at national and state level is also organized every alternative year to promote the overall development of student nurses.

In addition the SNA also awards scholarships to the ANM/GNM and B.Sc (N) students. An amount SNA Scholarship have been revised w.e.f. April 1, 2012 from Rs.9000/- to Rs.15,000/- (Rs.1250/- is given for every month). Out of this Rs.2000/- is given as one time grant for buying books. This amount is given for their entire period of study.

In order to facilitate the overall development of nursing students, we request you to kindly motivate and support them to join SNA. It has been observed that SNA Units, due to non payment of this subscription fee, get lapsed. This creates problems for the students as they can’t participate in any of the SNA activities at State/National level. In last Biennium 80 SNA Units were lapsed. It is our earnest appeal to all the Principals/Faculty to please remember to pay subscription in time. Thanks in anticipation. The procedure for formation/renewal of SNA unit is as follows:

1. As per SNA Rules & Regulations only those institutions, which are recognized by State Nursing Council and Indian Nursing Council are eligible to form SNA Unit. On fulfillment of the criteria, the following steps are to be taken:

   a) Proforma which is enclosed in prescribed form shall be submitted to this office along with supporting documents and Subscription.

   b) SNA Subscription amount is Rs.150/- per student per annum (w.e.f. April 1, 2012).

   c) When the student joins SNA for the first time, in addition to Rs.150/- he/she will need to contribute an extra amount of Rs.50/- (one time only) for SNA scholarship fund. Hence the total fee for first time is Rs.200/- per student (w.e.f. April 1, 2012).

   d) Fee shall be remitted by Cash or Demand Draft in favour of “Student Nurses Association” payable at “New Delhi”.

2. The following publications and other material badges etc. are also available from this office on payment in advance (Cash/Demand Draft only):

   a) The amount of one SNA Diary is Rs. 50/-.

   b) 1 SNA Bye Laws is Rs.10/-.

   c) Plus Rs.25/- need to be paid for registered postal charges.

   d) The cost of 1 SNA Badge is Rs.20/- Registered postal charges need to be paid extra.
3. To adopt strategies and policies for enrolling life membership

It was decided to adopt the following strategies as remedial measures for increasing membership:

- State Branches to conduct a meeting of Principals of Schools of Nursing and Colleges of Nursing to motivate students to enroll themselves to TNAI from SNA.

- State Branches to sensitize the Nursing Superintendents to encourage Staff Nurses to enroll as TNAI members.

- A letter may be forwarded from Headquarters to all State Nursing Council to make membership in TNAI as pre-requisite for registration in the Council.

- Please note that the SNA subscription must be paid regularly to participate in the activities of State/National SNA Biennial Conference, for to avail SNA Scholarship and for SNA to TNAI membership (on concessional rate) etc.

4. We also would like to inform you that as per the decision of the TNAI EC/Council the monthly NJI has now been replaced by an enhanced bimonthly journal (48 Pages + Covers). The journal in its new shape with added colours has been made more reader friendly with research based abstracts and case studies of academic interest and also contain book reviews done by experts in the relevant field. The first of NJI bimonthly has been published in (i) December 2011 and (ii) February 2012 (iii) April 2012 (iv) June 2012 (v) August 2012 and (vi) October 2012 (6 issues in a year). The subscription rates are given below:

- Per copy of NJI - Rs.100/-

- Annual subscription - Rs.500/- (6 issues of NJI),

- Subscription for 5 years - Rs.2500/-.

Please also note that earlier NJI copy used to be supplied to the 25 students/copy of NJI now it has become subscription based. We would request institution to subscribe for the NJI as per the above listed rates.

We look forward to have your students as SNA members soon. Let us all work together to uphold the honour of our noble profession. Students’ Nurses are the future ‘LEADERS’ of our profession.
Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

(Mrs.) Sheila Seda
Secretary-General

Encl: SNA Membership Form (1).

C.C. to All the Presidents/Secretaries and State SNA Advisors

NOTE:

We are happy to inform you that the three buildings of Central Institute of Nursing and Elderly Care Home- namely Day Care Centre, Staff Accommodation and Academic Block are nearing its completion. We are approaching you with the request to donate generously towards the cost of furnishing the building in your or your unit’s/institution’s name. The name will be acknowledged appropriately.

It is a question of the future of our country as well as our very own nursing profession. This is your chance to show your commitment towards your profession.

We hope that you will respond in a positive manner.