

2026 AANA Foundation Scholarship Program
Scholarship List and Special Requirements

Please indicate the scholarships to which you are applying in Task #1 of the online application. Please note any *special requirements* for each scholarship and attach all required background documentation. Some require that you be politically active, reside in a certain state, plan to advance certain goals/objectives, etc. In some cases, you must include a statement in your Involvement and Accomplishments essay (or complete a separate essay, if required) specifying how you meet these requirements. If the scholarship is highlighted and has an asterisk indicating "financial need" below, you must complete the tasks that relate to financial need using the merit and financial need version of the application.

***Financial need scholarship**

Scholarship	Sponsor	Special Requirement	Amount
AANA Diamond Club Scholarship	AANA Diamond Club	This scholarship is funded by the former Presidents of the AANA. This year's scholarship is in honor of Betty Horton.	\$3,000
AANA Diversity Scholarship	AANA	<p>1) Must belong to an ethnic minority group or groups. An ethnic minority group is recognized based on observational differences in characteristics or practices related to ethnicity, race, and/or religion.</p> <p>2) Must be a second-year resident currently enrolled in an accredited nurse anesthesia program.</p> <p>3) Attach an essay of 500 words or less that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Identifies your ethnic minority/group(s); b.) Explains how current or recent involvement in diversity and inclusion-oriented organizations, academic projects or other initiatives has impacted or could impact and increase diversity and inclusion within the nurse anesthesia profession; c.) Describes future career plans that will impact diversity and inclusion in the nurse anesthesia profession; d.) Discusses how the applicant will benefit from receiving the scholarship. 	3 @ \$3,000 = \$9,000
AANA Foundation DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Scholarship	AANA Foundation	<p>1) Must be a second-year resident currently enrolled in an accredited nurse anesthesia program.</p> <p>2) Attach an essay of 500 words or less that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Explains how current or recent involvement in diversity and inclusion-oriented organizations, academic projects or other initiatives has impacted or could impact and increase diversity and inclusion within the nurse anesthesia profession. b. Describes future career plans that will impact diversity and inclusion in the nurse anesthesia profession. c. Discusses how the applicant will benefit from receiving the scholarship. 	3 @ \$3,000 = \$9,000
AANA Foundation Scholarship	AANA Foundation	Resident in an accredited nurse anesthesia program.	10 @ \$3,000 =

			\$30,000
Adriel G. Cansino, DNP, CRNA Memorial Scholarship	Christian Cansino, DNP, CRNA	One scholarship issued to a resident attending a nurse anesthesia program in Illinois and one scholarship issued to a resident attending a nurse anesthesia program in New York. In memory of Adriel G. Cansino, DNP, CRNA, and his contributions to medically underserved patients abroad through medical missions.	2 @ \$3,000 = \$6,000
ALANA Scholarship	Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists	1) Second-year resident , 2) GPA of 3.4 or above, 3) Extracurricular or political involvement preferred and described. Financial assistance for deserving recipients of Alabama Nurse Anesthesia Program. One scholarship will be distributed to a qualifying resident from each nurse anesthesia program in Alabama for financial assistance.	3 @ \$3,000 = \$9,000
Art Zwerling Memorial Scholarship	Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists	The resident must attend a Pennsylvania school of Nurse Anesthesia and reside in Pennsylvania. This scholarship is in memory of Arthur Zwerling, CRNA. Zwerling lived in the state of Pennsylvania and was a state and national leader.	\$3,000
Barry Anthony Cranfill Memorial Scholarship	Sentry Anesthesia Mgt.	The resident must attend the Medical Univ. of South Carolina, the Medical College of Georgia (Augusta Univ.) or Emory Univ. In memory of Barry A. Cranfill, a dedicated CRNA and clinical instructor who provided years of exemplary clinical instruction and professional mentoring to anesthesia residents.	\$3,000
Birgitta Johansson Scholarship Fund	Birgitta Johansson	The resident must attend the doctoral program at the CAMC School of Nurse Anesthesia in Charleston, West Virginia. This scholarship is in honor of Mary "Betty" Ramey.	\$3,000
Carolyn Newton Martin & Alton Lamar Martin Sr. Memorial Scholarship	Kay M. Argooves, DNP, CRNA, FAANA	Second-year or third-year resident from Georgia attending a Nurse Anesthesia Program in Georgia, South Carolina or North Carolina. Should be a member of the GA, SC or NC state association. The recipient must include an essay of 500 words or less that demonstrates how their activities promote nurse anesthesia advocacy, political involvement, leadership qualities and or service to nurse anesthesia professional organizations as well as why they want to serve in a leadership position in their state nurse anesthetists association. Attach a letter of support from a current member of the GA, SC, or NC Association of Nurse Anesthetist Board.	\$7,000
CRNA Financial Success Scholarship	CRNA Financial Planning®	Resident attending a nurse anesthesia program in North Carolina. Essay must detail how the resident plans to become financially successful as a CRNA.	\$3,000
Cynthia McNerney Scholarship	Ms. McNerney's estate	Preference will be given to a resident attending a program in North Carolina.	\$3,000

Dean M. Cox Memorial Scholarship (10 Scholarships)	David Javaheri, in memory of Dean M. Cox, CRNA	Resident who promotes education in the CRNA profession. You must include a detailed summary (at least one paragraph) in your essay as to how you do this.	10 @ \$3,000 = \$30,000
Dean and Fred Hayden Memorial National Scholarship*	Fred Hayden in honor of his wife Dean Hayden	Second-year resident attending a program who demonstrates financial need and outstanding academic excellence.	\$3,000
Diana U. Davidson Memorial Scholarship	Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists	The resident must be a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Special consideration is given to a resident who demonstrates academic excellence.	\$3,000
Edward Hyland, CRNA Scholarship	Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Nurse anesthetist resident who has completed one year in a program whose primary clinical site is a hospital within the state of Delaware, with preference given to a Delaware resident. You must attach a statement from your Program Administrator indicating that you satisfy this requirement.	\$3,000
Elizabeth Burt Jeter Memorial Scholarship	Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA	Second-year or third-year resident attending a Georgia accredited nurse anesthesia program and a GPA of 3.5 or above.	\$3,000
Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists Resident Scholarship Award	Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Must be a nurse anesthesia resident in good academic standing from a COA accredited program in Florida. The scholarship is in honor of all Florida's nurse anesthetists. It is provided in the hopes it will help contribute to the educational success of a Florida resident nurse anesthetist.	\$3,000

Frank T. Maziarski, MS, CRNA Scholarship	Frank T. Maziarski, MS, CRNA	Preference given to a nurse anesthesia resident enrolled in a program in the state of Washington.	\$3,000
George DeVane Memorial Scholarship*	Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident in financial need with preference to a third-year resident attending a program in Kansas with a GPA of 3.0 or above.	\$3,000
George William Jeter Scholarship*	Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA	Resident in financial need that is a Georgia resident or attending a Georgia accredited nurse anesthesia program.	\$3,000
Georgia Resident Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist Scholarship	Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA	Second-year or third-year resident attending a Georgia accredited nurse anesthesia program.	\$3,000
The Grace and Daniel Connelly Family Scholarship	Grace and Daniel Connelly	Resident in an accredited nurse anesthesia program in the state of New York or New Jersey.	\$3,000
Hagan Insurance and New York Life Veteran's Scholarship	Hagan Insurance Group and New York Life Insurance Co.	Resident must be a veteran who previously served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. Applicant must describe and attest to veteran status within the Resident Involvement & Accomplishments essay. Active-duty applicants are not eligible.	3 @ \$3,250 = \$9,750
Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship	Ms. Currier's estate	Resident in an accredited nurse anesthesia program.	\$3,000

Jack Neary Memorial Scholarship	Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Scholarship will be given to a resident from the state of Vermont who meets the following criteria: The applicant must attach a summary of their goals and objectives for advancing in the direction of pain management (no more than one page long). In memory of the exceptional person and provider, Jack Neary, a true professional who dedicated himself to relieving suffering and improving his patients' quality of life. Although he was gone too soon, this scholarship is awarded so that his tremendous contribution to our profession will not be forgotten.	\$3,000
Jean E. Gamble Memorial Scholarship*	Jean E. Gamble Estate	Resident in financial need with a GPA of 3.0 or above.	\$3,000
John F. Garde Scholarship*	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	Resident in financial need.	\$3,000
John J. Nagelhout Scholarship*	Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia	Resident in financial need. (Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia residents are <u>not</u> eligible). The purpose in providing this scholarship is to honor John J. Nagelhout.	\$3,000
Kathryn Waud White, Resident Leadership Scholarship (Merit Based)	Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Full-time resident attending a nurse anesthesia program in Minnesota, who has a GPA of 3.5 or greater and demonstrates outstanding nurse anesthesia advocacy through actions, words and deeds including professional involvement in the AANA, MANA, or a similar organization. This scholarship requires a letter of recommendation or support from a member of the current MANA board of directors.	\$3,000
Kristine Goryanec Willingham Memorial Scholarship*	Paul Willingham	Second-year resident who demonstrates financial need and outstanding academic excellence with GPA of 3.5 or higher. In memory of Major Kristine Goryanec Willingham, CRNA, USAF (Ret.)	\$3,000
Lakeview Scholarship	James and Margot Hinchliff, CRNA	The purpose of the scholarship is to assist a deserving second-year resident in anesthesia school.	\$3,000
Larry Lysne Leadership Scholarship	Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Preference given to a resident enrolled in an accredited anesthesia program in Washington State. If there is no applicant from a Washington program, then Washington residents (or those immediately prior to enrolling**) who are attending an accredited anesthesia program outside of Washington State may be awarded the scholarship. **Past residents of Washington State must indicate residence history in the Involvement & Accomplishments essay.	\$3,000

Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists Resident Scholarship	Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Preference is given to a resident attending University of New England or from the state of Maine. This scholarship reflects MEANA's commitment to the future of nurse anesthesia. By providing financial assistance to students in nurse anesthesia programs, MEANA supports workforce development and helps ensure continued access to high-quality anesthesia care.	\$3,000
Maria Roach, CRNA Scholarship	Maria Roach Estate	Resident nurse anesthetist attending an accredited nurse anesthesia program in the state of Louisiana.	\$3,000
Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship	Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Inc.	Resident should be enrolled in a Maryland Nurse Anesthesia Program with the goal of CRNA practice in Maryland after graduation. Awarded to an outstanding Maryland resident to assist with tuition fees.	\$3,000
Dr. Maureen Reilly, PhD, CRNA Memorial Scholarship	Association of Veteran's Affairs Nurse Anesthetists	A resident with a GPA of 3.5 or greater with prior nursing experience at a Veteran's Affairs Medical Center and a demonstrated commitment to nurse anesthesia professional organizations. This scholarship requires a letter of recommendation from an academic instructor.	\$3,000
Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA Scholarship	Parents and Spouse of Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA	Priority will be given to a South Dakota resident who is involved in SDANA and shows evidence of leadership qualities. In the event a South Dakota resident/student does not apply or is ineligible, priority will be given to residents from Region Four who are involved in their state associations. Involvement means more than membership. You must attach a letter from someone in the state association detailing your involvement.	\$3,000
Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (5 scholarships)	Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident must be attending an accredited nurse anesthesia program in one of the five schools in the state of Michigan. One scholarship will be awarded to a resident in each school. The scholarship for the University of Detroit-Mercy is in memory of Al Jarvis. All scholarships are supported by MANA members.	5 @ \$3,000 = \$15,000
Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (Financial Need Based)*	Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident in financial need and attending a nurse anesthesia program in Minnesota. (For Minnesota's merit based scholarship, please see the Kathryn Waud White Scholarship)	\$3,000
Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists Resident Scholarship	Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident must be a MoANA member and attend one of the four Nurse Anesthesia schools in Missouri. The purpose of this scholarship is to support and encourage residents/students entering the CRNA profession.	\$3,000
NAPF Scholarship* (5 Scholarships)	Nurse Anesthesia Pride Foundation (NAPF, formerly GALA)	Resident in financial need attending an accredited nurse anesthesia educational program that openly identifies as a member of the LGBTQ+ community (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer). The applicant must include an essay on how they will work	5 @ \$3,000 = \$15,000

		to build LGBTQ+ advocacy in the healthcare system and/or how they promote diversity and inclusion for LGBTQ+ people within the CRNA profession. The purpose of NAPF is to provide educational scholarships, mentorship and foster academic support of LGBTQ+ residents/students.	
NCANA Deb Flaherty LEAD Scholarship (Leadership Education and Development)	North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Awarded to resident members of NCANA, who are attending a doctoral program and who reside in North Carolina. The residents will be selected from two separate North Carolina programs/schools unless there are insufficient applicants. Preference given to first-year residents. The resident must submit a separate essay of less than 500 words on their interest in and passion for serving in a leadership role within the NCANA and CRNA profession. This scholarship is in memory of Deb Flaherty.	2 @ \$3,000 = \$6,000
Nebraska Resident Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship	Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists	The resident completes a clinical rotation in the state of Nebraska and is a second-year resident or has completed 12 months of their anesthesia program. Resident must be from Nebraska or attending a nurse anesthesia program in Nebraska. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist the RRNA in the completion of their education and future as a nurse anesthetist.	\$3,000
New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (NEANA)	New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident from or attending a New England area school. Must have completed 12 months of their anesthesia program. (New England consists of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.)	\$3,000
New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists Lorrie Bennett Scholarship	New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident from New Mexico State University Nurse Anesthesia DNP Program planning on practicing in New Mexico after graduation. This scholarship is in memory of Lorrie Bennett, a past NMANA board member and New Mexico CRNA.	\$2,500
OSANA Scholarship	Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident must be in the final twelve months of his/her program in the state of Ohio.	\$3,000
Palmer Carrier Resident Scholarship	Mr. Carrier's estate	Demonstrates leadership qualities, and preference will be given to a second-year resident in Illinois .	\$3,000

Patty Cornwell Stewardship and Advocacy Scholarship	Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident attending a program in the state of Tennessee. Essay should include activities that demonstrate nurse anesthesia advocacy, political involvement, leadership qualities and/or service to the professional organizations. Attach letters of support from a current TANA Board member as well as a faculty member from your program.	\$3,000
Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (PANA) (3 Scholarships)	Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists	The resident must be attending a school in the state of Pennsylvania and reside in Pennsylvania. The scholarships will honor Mary Depaolis Lutzo, CRNA, ARNP, Sister Mary Bernard and the PANA Past President/students.	3 @ \$3,000 = \$9,000
Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Dignitary Scholarship	Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists	The resident/student must be attending a school in the state of Pennsylvania and reside in Pennsylvania. This scholarship is in memory of a PANA members who passed away this past year, Alice Lamb, CRNA Arlene Loeffler, CRNA.	\$3,000
Richard Ouellette Scholarship	Richard Ouellette	Resident must be enrolled in an accredited nurse anesthesia program in Massachusetts or North Carolina.	\$3,000
Ronald Lenninger Memorial Scholarship	Bobbi Lenninger	Resident must reside in Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska or South Dakota. This scholarship is in memory of Ronald Lenninger, CRNA.	\$3,000
Russell Lynn Memorial Scholarship	Pennsylvania and New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident must be enrolled in an accredited nurse anesthesia program in Pennsylvania or New Jersey with preference given to residents in Pennsylvania for 2026.	\$3,000
Sandra J. Kilde, EdD, CRNA Scholarship	Minneapolis School of Anesthesia	A second-year resident attending the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, who has earned a GPA of 3.5 or above. The purpose of sponsoring this award is to recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Sandra J. Kilde, EdD, CRNA.	\$3,000
Dr. Sandra K. Tunajek Scholarship for Nurse Anesthesia Education	Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident attending a program in the state of Kentucky.	\$3,000
Steve Mund Veteran's Scholarship	Angie Mund	Resident must be a veteran who previously served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. Applicant must describe and attest to veteran status within the Involvement & Accomplishments essay. Active-duty applicants are not eligible. This scholarship is in memory of Steve Mund, DNP, CRNA, FACHE, CENP.	\$3,000

Susan P. McMullan Single Parent Scholarship	Susan P. McMullan	Preference given to a nurse anesthesia resident attending a program in the state of Alabama or Illinois who is a single parent.	\$5000
TANA Ed. District #4 Scholarship	Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists Ed. District #4	Resident attending a program in the state of Texas.	\$3,000

Unbridled Anesthesia Leadership Scholarship	Debra Barber, DNP, CRNA	Resident attending Northern Kentucky University Anesthesia Program.	2 @ \$3,000 = \$6,000
Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship	Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists	Resident from Virginia in a Virginia school of nurse anesthesia.	\$3,000
Virginia A. Gaffey Memorial Scholarship	Virginia Gaffey Estate	Resident from an accredited nurse anesthesia program.	\$3,000