



2025 Resident Scholarships

The AANA Foundation received 386 competitive resident scholarship applications this year, and 94 scholarships were awarded totaling \$278,250. The scholarships include:

AANA Diamond Club Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: AANA Diamond Club (funded by the Past Presidents of the AANA. This year's scholarship is in honor of Sandra J. Kilde)

Recipient(s): Stefannie Wilkes-Pounders, Union University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Track, TN

AANA Diversity Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA

Recipient(s): Soo Jung Ha, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC; Danielle Parker, Mary Baldwin University Nurse Anesthesiology Program; Taylor Ramirez, University of Texas Jane and Robert Cizik School of Nursing at Houston Nurse Anesthesia Division

AANA Foundation Scholarships—Twelve \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA Foundation

Recipient(s): Merlin Koppara, Columbia, NY; Sarah Hampel, Columbia University, NY; Emy Charlot, Arkansas State University College of Nursing and Health Professions School of Nursing, AR; Elizabeth Neiswender, Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia California State University Fullerton, CA; Chris Hsiao, Rush University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL; Allison Bouck, Samuel Merritt University, CA; Madeline Caldeira, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL; Kathrine Kusick, Fairfield University Nurse Anesthesia Program, CT; Thalia Reyes, Columbia University School of Nursing Program in Nurse Anesthesia, NY; Dillon Olson, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, MN; Thomas Fey, Wake Forest University, NC; Sydney Merle, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Nurse Anesthesia Specialization, IL

Adriel G. Cansino, DNP, CRNA Memorial Scholarship—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Christian Cansino, DNP, CRNA

Recipient(s): Khadijat Badejo, Rush University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL; Andrew Fernandez, Columbia University School of Nursing Program in Nurse Anesthesia, NY

ALANA Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Javier Figueroa, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL; Regina Oliver, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Darby Clymer, University of Mobile Nurse Anesthesia Program, AL

Art Zwerling Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in memory of Art Zwerling, CRNA)
Recipient(s): Jasmine Lord, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Barry Anthony Cranfill Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Sentry Anesthesia Mgt. (in memory of Barry A. Cranfill, CRNA)
Recipient(s): Kathleen Eviza-Ford, Medical University of South Carolina, SC

Birgitta Johansson Scholarship Fund—\$3,000

Sponsor: Birgitta Johansson
Recipient(s): Cary Hoffman, Charleston Area Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia, WV

CRNA Financial Success Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: CRNA Financial Planning®
Recipient(s): Alexandra Jones, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Cynthia McNerney Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Cynthia McNerney
Recipient(s): Ryan Watson, UNC Greensboro School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, NC

Dean M. Cox Memorial Scholarships—Four \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: David R. Javaheri, in memory of Dean M. Cox, CRNA
Recipient(s): Helen Conley, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, TN; Jessica Sparks, The University of Akron Nurse Anesthesia Program, OH; Amber Todd, University of Michigan-Flint Nurse Anesthesia Program, MI; Faith Koroma-Coker, Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, MA

Dean and Fred Hayden Memorial National Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden
Recipient(s): Analise Thomas, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Nurse Anesthesia Program, FL

Diana U. Davidson Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Rebecca Duncan, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Dr. Maureen Reilly, PhD, CRNA Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Association of Veteran's Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Amanda Genau, University Health Truman Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia, MO

Dr. Sandra K. Tunajek Scholarship for Nurse Anesthesia Education—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Abdullah Bholat, Northern Kentucky University Nurse Anesthesia Program, KY

Edward Hyland, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Stephanie Updike, Thomas Jefferson University Jefferson College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Elizabeth Burt Jeter Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA

Recipient(s): Alison Hoyer, Emory University Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthesia Program, GA

Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists Resident Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of all Florida's Nurse Anesthetists)

Recipient(s): Kha Tran, University of South Florida College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesiology Program, FL

Frank T. Maziarski, MS, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Frank T. Maziarski, MS, CRNA

Recipient(s): Nick CliffOrr, Providence Sacred heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

GANA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Alexandra Hogg, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, TN

George DeVane Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Riley Burghart, University of Kansas Nurse Anesthesia Program, KS

George William Jeter Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA

Recipient(s): Karina Atienza, Florida State University, FL

The Grace and Daniel Connelly Family Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Grace and Daniel Connelly

Recipient(s): Youn Young Hur, Rutgers School of Nursing Anesthesia Program, NJ

Hagan Insurance and New York Life Veteran's Scholarship—Three \$3,250 Scholarships

Sponsor: Hagan Insurance Group and New York Life Insurance Co.

Recipient(s): James Warren, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Leigh Barry, Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, MA; Matthew Saunders, The University of Arizona College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, AZ

Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Hazel Currier

Recipient(s): Blaire Bemel, University of Minnesota School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Area of Study, MN

Jack Neary Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Kylie Hutchins, Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, MA

John F. Garde Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
Recipient(s): Blake Hartley, The University of Arizona College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, AZ

John J. Nagelhout Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia
Recipient(s): Austin Roach, Franciscan Healthcare School of Anesthesia, WI

Kathryn Waud White, Resident Leadership Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Sabrina Deblaere, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesiology, MN

Kristine Goryanec Willingham Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Paul Willingham
Recipient(s): Haleigh Somberg, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Lakeview Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: James and Margot Hinchliff, CRNA
Recipient(s): Shelbie Freeman, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesiology Concentration, TN

Larry Lysne Leadership Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Zaha Bush, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$1,000

Sponsor: Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Abigail Lee, University of New England School of Nurse Anesthesia, ME

Maria Roach, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Maria Roach, CRNA
Recipient(s): Kaitlyn Hayes, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University Nurse Anesthesia Program, LA

Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Inc.
Recipient(s): Ariel Anderson, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program, MD

Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Parents and Spouse of Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA
Recipient(s): Brookanne Pfaffle, Mount Marty University, SD

Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarships—Five \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Rebecca Chema, Oakland University Beaumont Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI; Kendall Owens, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia,

MI; Andrew Ruczynski, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, MI; Mackenzie Cooper, University of Michigan-Flint Nurse Anesthesia Program, MI; Emily Kososki, Michigan State University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, MI

Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Addyson Sand, Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program, MN

Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists Resident Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Riley Ebenroth, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, MO

NBCRNA DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA Foundation
Recipient(s): Kirsten Martin, Marian University, IN; LaChelle Lee, University of Michigan-Flint, MI; Rubiyath Chy, National University Fresno Nurse Anesthesia Program, CA

Nebraska Resident Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$1,000

Sponsor: Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Susmita Basnet, Bryan College of Health Sciences, NE

New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (NEANA)—\$3,000

Sponsor: New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Jasmin Woodbury, Rhode Island College Zvart Onanian School of Nursing/St. Joseph Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia, RI

New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists Lorrie Bennett Scholarship—\$2,500

Sponsor: New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Jennifer Fife, New Mexico State University Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Program, NM

NCANA Doctoral LEAD Scholarship (Leadership Education & Development)—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Hayden Hmiel, UNC Greensboro, School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, NC; Emily Hartley, Western Carolina University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

NAPF Scholarship—Five \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Nurse Anesthesia Pride Foundation (NAPF, formerly GALA)
Recipient(s): Ryan Mejia, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Nurse Anesthesia Program, FL; Ashley Hughes, National University Fresno Nurse Anesthesia Program, CA; Ryan Kuresa, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program, MD; Grace Beuchert, Georgetown University, DC; Daniel Luttrell, Florida Gulf Coast University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, FL

OSANA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Madeline Fitzsimmons, Cleveland Clinic Foundation Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing Case Western Reserve University School of Nurse Anesthesia, OH

Palmer Carrier Resident Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Palmer Carrier

Recipient(s): William Thomas, NorthShore University HealthSystem School of Nurse Anesthesia DePaul University, IL

Patty Cornwell Stewardship and Advocacy Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Kathleen Chmelicek, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesiology Concentration, TN

Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of Mary Depaolis Lutzo, CRNA, ARNP; Sister Mary Bernard and the PANA Past PResidents)

Recipient(s): Whitley Kloeblen, Drexel University Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Amanda El-Chaar, University of Pennsylvania, PA; Andrew Warzinski, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Dignitary Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in memory of the PANA members who passed away this year, Mary Frykling and Arlene Vogel)

Recipient(s): Jessica Guan, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Richard Ouellette Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Richard Ouellette

Recipient(s): Mikayla Morgan, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Ronald Lenninger Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Bobbi Lenninger

Recipient(s): Katharine Wilde, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, NE

Russell Lynn Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania and New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Alexis Zamboanga-D'Arelli, Rutgers School of Nursing Anesthesia Program, NJ

Sandra J. Kilde, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Minneapolis School of Anesthesia

Recipient(s): Heather Klein, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, MN

Steve Mund Veteran's Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Angie Mund

Recipient(s): Benjamin Lovley, Rush University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL

TANA Education District #4 Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists Education District #4

Recipient(s): Emily Teague, Texas Christian University School of Nurse Anesthesia, TX

Unbridled Anesthesia Leadership Scholarship—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Debra Barber, DNP, CRNA

Recipient(s): Cayla Hutchinson, Northern Kentucky University Nurse Anesthesia Program, KY; Amber Purvis, Northern Kentucky University, KY

Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Ashley Nelson, Mary Baldwin University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, VA

Virginia A. Gaffey Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Virginia Gaffey Estate

Recipient(s): Oluwabanwo Adeniyi, Marian University Nurse Anesthesia Program Leighton School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, IN