

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Nursing Officers

FROM: Bill Jolley, VP Rural Issues

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for Promise of Nursing Grant Program

DATE: January 13, 2016

The Tennessee Promise of Nursing Grant Program now is accepting request for proposals (RFPs) for the 2016 grant cycle. The deadline to submit RFPs is March 1.

The funds for this program come from the 2015 Promise of Nursing for Tennessee Gala, which was sponsored by Johnson & Johnson. Approximately \$171,000 is available for distribution, with 10 to 15 grants of \$10,000 to \$15,000 each to be awarded.

The goal of the Tennessee Promise of Nursing Grant Program is to help new graduates gain valuable clinical experience and increase competency through nursing externships, internships or other innovative approaches, which will be facilitated by nursing schools. These opportunities would help new nurses hone skill sets in specific practice areas and/or clinical settings while enhancing employability and supporting transitions into practice.

Eligible programs include public and private schools of nursing that have been approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing, as well as nonprofit organizations that have a healthcare focus. Full details about this grant opportunity and application process is available [here](#).

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