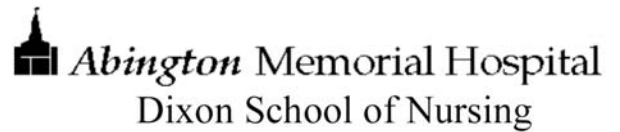


# Caring with Confidence



The current tuition merit packages, valued at \$9,000 annually (or remaining tuition balance after need-based aid, employee tuition benefits, and all other grants/scholarships) will be awarded to select students who accept offers of admission to Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing. Students must complete the Nursing Initiative Scholars Application, and meet the criteria as determined by the scholars' selection committee. These merit packages can be used only for tuition costs at the Dixon School of Nursing and cannot be used to meet the costs of the college prerequisite requirements.

- **Abington Memorial Hospital reserves the right to change this program, its curriculum, educational policies, and expenses at any time. Reasonable notice will be given. These changes will be communicated verbally and in writing.**
- The Abington Memorial Hospital Schools of Nursing, Nuclear Medicine Technology and Radiologic Technology are equal opportunity institutions. They do not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, or veteran status in their educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs and other institutionally administered programs.

## Eligibility

The number of limited awards offered will be determined by the scholars' selection committee based on variables which include program funding, as well as the student's academic potential/achievement, personal commitment to nursing as a career choice, demonstrated service to others and two (2) letters of recommendations.

- Students are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually.
- Outside tuition assistance benefits, including need-based aid, merit-based aid, AMH employee tuition assistance benefits, and all other financial aid must be reported and will be assigned before Nursing Initiative Scholars funding will be assigned to the student's financial aid package.
- Aid cannot exceed Dixon School of Nursing tuition.
- Program participation requires annual reapplication and is renewable **based on successful academic progress**.
- Acceptance of the loan offers in the financial aid package is not optional and financial aid offered that includes a loan is effective only if the student signs a loan agreement.
- All students will be notified in writing of the scholars selection committee's decision and will have thirty (30) days to accept or decline the offer of financial aid.
- **Financial need is not a consideration.**

## Please Note:

- Students do not apply to a specific program. The scholars' selection committee selects the recipients in each category who best meet the scholarship criteria.
- Students who withdraw or are dismissed from the nursing program begin to repay the loan portion of their award package as indicated on the contract agreement. This will be based on the student's last day of attendance at the Dixon School of Nursing.
- For information and/or questions, please visit our website [www.amhdixonson.org](http://www.amhdixonson.org), or call (215) 481-5500.

Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing is approved to participate in the Federal Pell Grant Program, The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Grant Program and the Federal Family Educational Loan Programs. The Abington Memorial Hospital Women's Board and Auxiliaries provide generous scholarship support to students through the Abington Memorial Hospital Scholarship Program. In addition, students can apply for a variety of private and community scholarships.

### **Policy on Tuition and related Educational Expenses**

- Tuition is due prior to the beginning of each term.
- In addition to tuition and fees, the student is responsible for the all expenses listed on the “*Estimated Student Expenses for the Dixon School of Nursing 2009-10 Academic Year*”. Please reference the Dixon School of Nursing website – [www.amhdixonson.org](http://www.amhdixonson.org)
- Commuter costs, medical insurance and personal expenses remain the student’s responsibility.
- The graduating third year student incurs these additional costs: State Board Licensure (PA), NCLEX Registration, Temporary Practice Permit (optimal), graduation photographs (if desired).

### **Policy on Crediting Financial Aid to the Student’s Account**

- Estimated financial aid (scholarships, grants and loans) will be deducted from the student’s account only if the School receives official notification from the donor(s) before the payment is due.
- All financial aid must be reported to the Coordinator of Student Financial Aid Services at the Dixon School of Nursing.

### ***Recommended searches for Scholarships***

Check your options at any of the following websites:

[www.scholarship.com](http://www.scholarship.com)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.fastweb.org](http://www.fastweb.org)

[www.aessuccess.org](http://www.aessuccess.org)

High School Student – see your Guidance Counselors at your school for additional recommendations for Scholarships you may be eligible for to assist you with your first year of pre-requisites.

Additional recommended searches for scholarships: visit the “Diversity” tab of the Dixon School of Nursing website to view other professional organizations that may have scholarships available.

### **\* NEVER pay for scholarships**

You may be requested to submit an essay, letters of recommendation. Don’t allow this to discourage you. A little work/effort can bring a positive outcome.

## **GUIDE FOR FAFSA COMPLETION**

Complete the FAFSA “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” on the website [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
This will generate a Federal Needs Analysis report based upon that System -- the basis for determining student need.

**The FAFSA must be completed each year to receive Federal Financial Aid.**

Awards cannot be made until the student has been accepted for admission and a student aid report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid has been received.

Students who receive additional Aid from any source are required to notify the Financial Aid Office immediately.

Dixon School of Nursing does NOT award financial aid for completion of the (31 college credits) pre-requisite

**Dixon School of Nursing FAFSA Deadline: April 1st**

### ***How to Apply for Financial Aid ~***

1. Apply for your PIN number – [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
 You will receive your PIN # in approximately 24 hrs  
 This pin number will be used each time you complete the FAFSA  
 PIN # allows you to electronically sign your FAFSA
  2. Gather all the necessary paperwork – print “documents needed” from website: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  3. Print the FAFSA worksheet and complete
  4. Once the worksheet is completed – go online [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and complete your online FAFSA as of January 1st
    - Don’t rush – get it right. It’s important to enter the correct information. It may take the government up to 4 wks to make a correction to errors. Errors can affect the amount of financial aid you receive.
    - Many fields may not require information – DO NOT leave fields blank. The computer looks at Zero (0) differently than leaving the field blank. Remember enter zero – blanks can affect the amount of financial aid you receive.
    - Even if you don’t think you will receive Federal financial aid, it’s important to complete the FAFSA. Dixon School of Nursing also uses this information for institutional aid.
- Once your FAFSA has been submitted, the Central Processing System (CPS) will send you a SAR – Student Aid Report.
  - Review **ALL** details of the SAR.
  - Respond ASAP to all requests for additional information.
  - If corrections are necessary, you can make the corrections on the SAR.
  - Be sure to make copies of ALL paperwork prior to mailing.
  - Comply with requests for verification as required by the Financial Aid Office and in compliance with regulations pertinent to federal and state financial aid programs.
  - Ignoring these requests **WILL** affect your financial aid.

Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing School Code	007087
Online FAFSA	<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>
For questions regarding the FAFSA, call the Federal Processor	1-800-433-3243
IRS (for copies of tax returns)	800-829-1040
Social Security	717-299-5261
American Education Services (AES)	<a href="http://www.aessuccess.org">www.aessuccess.org</a>
AMH Dixon School of Nursing - Office Student Financial Aid Services	215-481-5549
AMH Dixon School of Nursing - Bursar Office	215-481-5527
AMH Dixon School of Nursing - Admissions Office	215-481-5513

## **MOST COMMON STUDENT APPLICATION ERRORS**

1. Not answering every question on the application(s). DO NOT leave fields blank. Enter zero, but do not leave fields blank.
2. Not affixing proper signatures, including e-signatures to the application(s).
3. Checking incorrect Grade Level:  

**1<sup>st</sup> year** at Dixon School of Nursing = **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

**2<sup>nd</sup> year** at Dixon School of Nursing = **3<sup>rd</sup> Year**
4. What degree or certificate will you be working on:  

*“Certificate or diploma for completing an occupational, technical, or educational program of at least two years”*
5. Enrollment Status: **ALL** Dixon School of Nursing Students are – **Full time**  

*“Full-time (at least 12 credit hours in a term or 24 clock hours per week)”*
6. Incorrectly identifying number in household and number in college.
7. Using the wrong year tax return or no tax return for calculating figures.
8. Using wrong lines on IRS form(s). The FAFSA worksheet explains in detail each line.
9. Reporting tax refunds as part of taxes paid.
10. Not proofreading application after completion.
11. Not retaining copies of tax documents.
12. Missing deadlines – Dixon School of Nursing Deadline = **April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**BE SURE TO: PROOF READ - PROOF READ - PROOF READ**

**MEET ALL DEADLINES**