Nursing Student Awards
Application Tip Sheet

Tips for Your Application

• Carefully read through the application instructions and include all the required information.
• Proofread your application. If possible, ask a friend, colleague, or family member to review your application as well.
• Check out your school's Career Centre for writing support. Career Centres can be helpful with style, proofreading, and language support.
• Use the scoring card posted on the award webpage to see how your application is evaluated.
• When in doubt, reach out. Any questions about this award can be directed to laila.strazds@sickkids.ca.

Tips for Your Letter of Intent

• Keep your letter concise - it should be easy to follow and a maximum of 800 words.
• Demonstrate your understanding of child and family-centred care and strengths-based nursing with examples. Sharing your story while connecting it to SickKids’ core values and care philosophy will be rated more highly.
• Ensure your letter of intent touches on all the points outlined within the instructions. The Review Committee requires sufficient detail in order to review and rate your application.
• Include your own specific initiatives or accomplishments in your responses. Share examples.

Tips for Your Résumé

• Tailor your résumé to SickKids.
• Your résumé should be no longer than two pages in length and have an easy-to-read format. More does not always mean better.
• Your résumé should highlight your key academic, professional, and personal experiences with paediatric populations. Include student experiences in paediatrics, whether at SickKids or elsewhere.
• Indeed job board has several nursing-specific resources to help you fine-tune your résumé. You can find résumé templates, as well as articles for new nurses.
Tips for Your Reference Letter

- Reference letters that speak to your character with specific examples tend to be stronger.
- Give your referee ample time to provide you with a reference letter.
- Share the scoring card with your referee so they can highlight your strengths.

Material to Review

- SickKids vision, mission, values
- SickKids Strategic Plan
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy
- SickKids nursing website
- Canadian Paediatric Nursing Standards (CAPN)
- Paediatric competencies (CNA)