

## 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](mailto: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 \(CNA\)](#)
- Gottlieb, L. (2013). [Strengths-Based Nursing Care: Health and Healing for Person and Family](#). Springer Publishing. New York, NY.