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NCNMU Scholarship Awards

NCNM University has 5 different Scholarship Categories.

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NCNMU Scholarship Application Criteria

1. **Academic Achievement:** Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their undergraduate studies, with a focus on relevant coursework in biology, anatomy, or related fields.
2. **Financial Need:** Scholarships will be awarded based on demonstrated financial need, as determined by the FAFSA or equivalent financial aid application.
3. **Commitment to Naprapathic Science:** Applicants should submit a personal statement outlining their passion for Naprapathic Science, including any relevant experiences or volunteer work in the field.
4. **Leadership and Extracurricular Involvement:** Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated leadership skills and active involvement in healthcare-related clubs, volunteer organizations, or community service projects.
5. **Diversity and Inclusion:** We encourage applications from individuals from diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and those with disabilities.
6. **Professional Goals:** Applicants should articulate their career goals in the field of Naprapathic Science and how they plan to contribute to the advancement of the profession.
7. **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from educators, mentors, or professionals who can attest to their academic abilities, character, and suitability for the scholarship.
8. **Personal Statement/Essay:** In their personal statement, applicants should discuss their motivation for pursuing Naprapathic Science, any challenges they have overcome, and how they envision using their education to make a positive impact in the field.
9. **Current Applicant of NCNM University:** Applicants must be current applicants of NCNM University and have submitted a complete application packet for admission to one of the Naprapathic Science programs, including Prenaprapathy, Doctor of Naprapathy, or Naprapathic Assistant.
10. **Membership to the American Naprapathic Association:** Applicants must show current student membership to the American Naprapathic Association as part of their application.
11. **Interview (Optional):** Shortlisted candidates may be invited to participate in an interview to further assess their suitability for the scholarship and their alignment with the program's values.
12. **Ethical Standards:** Applicants must agree to abide by ethical standards in their academic and professional conduct, as outlined by the NCNM University Code of Ethics.

Presidential Excellence Award: Inspiring Leadership and Achievement at NCNM University

Essay Title: "Pioneering the Future of Naprapathic Medicine: A Scholar's Vision"

The NCNM University's Presidential Excellence Award: Inspiring Leadership and Achievement is a distinguished honor crafted to recognize exceptional applicants to the Doctor of Naprapathy Program, positioning them as the future pioneers of Naprapathic Medicine. Rooted in a rich legacy of leadership and innovation, this award pays homage to the visionary presidents of the institution across its evolutionary phases—from the Chicago National College of Naprapathy (CNCN) to the National College of Naprapathic Medicine (NCNM), and now as NCNM University.

The esteemed lineage of presidents, including luminaries such as Dr. Roland Sydney, DN; Dr. Linda Dudek, DN; Dr. Ralph Francis, DN; Dr. Paul Maguire Jr., DN; and Dr. Shante Griggs, PharmD, DN, represents the driving forces behind the advancement of Naprapathic Medicine. Notably, Dr. Paul Maguire Jr., DN, holds the distinction of being the longest-serving president during the CNCN and NCNM eras. His pivotal leadership not only steered the institution through various transitions but also played a crucial role in reclaiming ownership when it faced acquisition and closure threats from external entities.

In alignment with the university's ethos of naprapathic leadership, additional preference is accorded to student applicants actively engaged in the NCNM University's student government. These individuals demonstrate a profound commitment to service, advocacy, and collaborative decision-making within the university community. Their involvement in student governance underscores their capacity for transformative leadership, which extends beyond the confines of academic excellence into the realm of campus life and community engagement.

Moreover, the Presidential Excellence Award commemorates the contributions of former Presidents of the American Naprapathic Association, who championed significant renewals of the Naprapathic Practice Acts. Dr. George Stretch, DN; Dr. James Kearns, DN; Dr. Shante Griggs, PharmD, DN; and others led the charge in securing legislative advancements in 2003, 2013, and 2023, respectively, following the landmark licensing of 1992. Their unwavering advocacy ensured the continued growth and recognition of Naprapathic Medicine as a vital component of healthcare. Emphasizing that leadership in Naprapathic Medicine transcends mere academic merit, this award celebrates individuals who exhibit exemplary leadership in the field upon graduation and licensure. Recipients are poised to uphold the legacy of visionary presidents and advocacy leaders, propelling Naprapathic Medicine to new heights through their dedication, innovation, and commitment to excellence.

Mary A Cavender, DN Award

Dr. Mary A Cavender, DN Award,

"NapraCare Financial Aid Grant: Empowering Students & Supporting Financial Need"

Essay Title: "Pioneering the Future of Naprapathic Medicine: A Scholar's Vision"

Award Description:

The "NapraCare Financial Aid Grant: Empowering Students & Supporting Financial Need" is a prestigious award established by NCMU University with the noble purpose of assisting students pursuing careers in Naprapathic Medicine. Named in honor of Dr. Mary A Cavender, DN, NCMU class of 2013 and one of the university's most esteemed benefactors and financial supporters. This award embodies her commitment to advancing education and ensuring access to naprapathic education and healthcare for all.

Designed specifically for Doctor of Naprapathy Candidates and Naprapathic Assistant students, this grant serves as a beacon of hope for those aspiring to contribute to the field of Naprapathic Medicine but who face financial challenges along the way. Through this grant, deserving students are provided with essential financial support, empowering them to continue their academic journey and fulfill their potential in this specialized field of holistic healthcare.

The Mary A Cavender Award not only alleviates the financial burden faced by students but also embodies the spirit of compassion and generosity that Dr. Cavender exemplifies. It stands as a testament to her enduring legacy and unwavering dedication to the mission of NCMU University.

Recipients of the NapraCare Financial Aid Grant are recognized not only for their academic achievements but also for their resilience and determination in overcoming financial obstacles on their path to becoming Naprapathy professionals. By investing in these students, the award fosters a community of future Naprapathic practitioners who are equipped to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

In essence, the "NapraCare Financial Aid Grant: Empowering Students & Supporting Financial Need" embodies the values of compassion, empowerment, and inclusivity championed by Dr. Mary A Cavender, DN, and reflects NCMU University's commitment to nurturing the next generation of Naprapathic healthcare practitioners.

Theodore Rapacz, DN Award

“NpraMerit Award”

Essay Title: "Pioneering the Future of Naprapathic Medicine: A Scholar's Vision"

The Theodore Rapacz, DN Award, NpraMerit Award is a distinguished scholarship program established to honor the remarkable legacy of Dr. Theodore "Ted" Rapacz, DN, and his profound contributions to the field of Naprapathy. Dr. Rapacz's enduring commitment to excellence and leadership extends not only to his exemplary service as the longest-standing president of the Illinois Naprapathic Association but also to his significant contributions to the institution now known as NCNM University, formerly recognized as the National College of Naprapathic Medicine. During his tenure at the National College of Naprapathic Medicine, Dr. Rapacz played a pivotal role in shaping the institution's academic landscape and fostering an environment of innovation and scholarship. His unwavering dedication to advancing the principles and practices of Naprapathy was evident in his multifaceted contributions, which ranged from curriculum development and academic leadership to mentorship and advocacy.

As a respected educator and practitioner, Dr. Rapacz inspired countless students with his passion for Naprapathy and his commitment to excellence in education. He served as a guiding force within the institution, imparting invaluable knowledge and wisdom to aspiring Naprapaths and instilling in them a deep appreciation for the principles of holistic healthcare.

Furthermore, Dr. Rapacz's visionary leadership and tireless advocacy efforts helped to elevate the profile of Naprapathy within the broader healthcare community, paving the way for greater recognition and acceptance of this holistic healing modality. His advocacy for the profession both within the institution and beyond its walls contributed significantly to its growth and evolution, leaving an indelible mark on the National College of Naprapathic Medicine and shaping its trajectory for years to come.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the institution and the field of Naprapathy as a whole, the Theodore Rapacz, DN Award, NpraMerit Award pays tribute to Dr. Rapacz's enduring legacy and serves as a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence, leadership, and innovation in Naprapathic education and practice.

Charles Greer, DN Award

Diversity Empowerment Scholarship: Fostering Inclusivity in Naprapathic Medicine

Essay Title: "Pioneering the Future of Naprapathic Medicine: A Scholar's Vision"

Award Description:

The Charles E. Greer, DN Award, Diversity Empowerment Scholarship: Fostering Inclusivity in Naprapathic Medicine is a prestigious scholarship aimed at promoting diversity and inclusivity within the field of naprapathic medicine. Named in honor of Charles E. Greer, DN is a tribute to the remarkable journey of Dr. Charles E. Greer, a pioneer in the field of naprapathic medicine.

In an era when the institution was known as the Chicago National College of Naprapathy, Dr. Greer faced formidable obstacles due to racial discrimination. Undeterred by the challenges, he pursued his calling with unwavering determination, exhibiting extraordinary courage and resilience. Despite encountering adversity, Dr. Greer, DN made it his daily mission to contact the institution, demonstrating his unyielding resolve to enroll in and complete the Doctor of Naprapathy program, class of 1985. Dr. Greer's story is emblematic of the challenges faced by many minority applicants and students, who encountered systemic barriers and racial bias that once haunted the halls of the institution. Dr. Greer's experience was not unique; countless other minority students at CNCN endured similar challenges, striving for excellence despite the racial prejudice entrenched within the institution. Yet, like Dr. Greer, they pressed on, driven by a shared determination to defy expectations and seize opportunities in the face of adversity. Their unwavering commitment to their educational aspirations and their determination to challenge the status quo exemplify the strength of the human spirit in the face of adversity. By acknowledging and learning from the collective struggles and triumphs of minority applicants and students at the Chicago National College of Naprapathy (CNCN), the scholarship underscores the importance of fostering a more inclusive and equitable learning environment within the field of naprapathic medicine.

This scholarship recognizes outstanding individuals from minority backgrounds who demonstrate, like Dr. Greer, DN exceptional perseverance, academic excellence, and a commitment to advancing diversity in healthcare. By providing financial support to deserving candidates from minority backgrounds, the scholarship aims to ensure that barriers to access are dismantled, and opportunities for underrepresented individuals are expanded. This scholarship seeks to empower students pursuing education in naprapathy. Recipients of the Charles E. Greer, DN Award are not only selected based on academic excellence but also on their dedication to promoting diversity and inclusion within the field of naprapathic medicine. Whether enrolled in the Doctor of Naprapathy Program or the Naprapathic Assistant Program, recipients exemplify the values of empathy, cultural competence, and social responsibility. Through the Charles E. Greer, DN Award, his pioneering spirit lives on, inspiring aspiring naprapaths to overcome obstacles, defy expectations, and forge a path towards a more inclusive and equitable future in naprapathic medicine and healthcare for generations to come.

Colonel (Dr.) Norman Esserman, JD, DN Award:

"Serving Those Who Served: The Esserman Veteran Scholarship"

Essay Title: "Pioneering the Future of Naprapathic Medicine: A Scholar's Vision"

In a world where valor often goes unnoticed and sacrifices echo silently, there shines a beacon of gratitude and opportunity – the Esserman Award. This prestigious honor stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and profound sacrifices made by our veterans, whose selfless service has safeguarded the very essence of our nation's freedom. The Esserman Award is not merely a recognition; it is a profound expression of gratitude, a heartfelt embrace extended to those who have walked the path of duty with courage and commitment. It symbolizes our collective appreciation for the sacrifices endured and the hardships faced in the pursuit of a noble cause.

Yet, the Esserman Award is more than just a token of appreciation; it is a gateway to a new chapter of service and healing. By honoring our veterans with this prestigious scholarship, we extend an invitation to embark on a journey of healing and empowerment in the field of Naprapathy. It is an opportunity to channel their resilience, strength, and compassion into a noble profession dedicated to the well-being of others.

Through the Esserman Award, we aim not only to acknowledge the valor of our veterans but also to empower them with the tools and resources to continue their service in a different capacity – one that nurtures both body and soul. It is a gesture of solidarity and support, a reaffirmation of our commitment to stand by those who have stood for us.

As we present the Esserman Award, let us not only celebrate the achievements of our veterans but also reaffirm our collective responsibility to honor their legacy and support their journey towards a brighter future. Let us stand together in gratitude, recognizing the profound impact of their service and the boundless potential that lies ahead.

The Esserman Award stands as a tribute to the resilience, courage, and unwavering spirit of our veterans – a beacon of hope, opportunity, and healing in a world that is forever indebted to their service.