

Raven McDonald Resilience Scholarship

Raven McDonald, BSN, RN is a graduate from the illustrious Tuskegee University as of May 2020 with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing. During her time at Tuskegee University, Raven became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Miss Black and Gold, served as the captain of the Golden Essence Dance Team, and many other extracurricular activities and organizations.

Raven is currently a travel nurse specializing in Cardiothoracic Stepdown Units. Raven understands the hard work, determination, and dedication that is required in the School of Nursing and Allied Health Program. She has created this scholarship to provide encouragement and financial support to undergraduate nursing and occupational therapy (OT) students. Raven understands how diligent students must work to obtain a Nursing or Occupational Therapy degree; therefore, she wants to promote resilience in students to achieve their goal. With this scholarship, Raven wants to influence students to keep going by overcoming the difficulties they may face while striving to obtain their degree. **This scholarship award is in the amount of \$500 each for five students in the Nursing or Occupational Therapy Program at Tuskegee University.**

This year, Raven wants to acknowledge and give thanks to the Sponsors who have contributed to this scholarship. The sponsors believe in investing in the future of education and empowering students to achieve their academic and career goals without a heavy financial burden. In addition, these Sponsors are nursing and OT graduates from Tuskegee University as well. *The following sponsors are:*

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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

You must **email the completed application packet prior to or no later than April 18, 2025**. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, all monies will be applied to the student's school account; funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees and/or books.

Emailed applications must be submitted with the full and completed packet with the following attachments: signed copy of application, essay, and additional documentations to ravenm.resiliencescholars@gmail.com

Late or incomplete packets will not be reviewed.

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Application for Tuskegee University School of Nursing and Allied Health**

Type or print in black ink.

Name _____
Last First Middle

Daytime Phone (____) _____ **Email** _____

Current Address _____

City State Zip Code

List active membership in organization(s) such as professional activities, extracurricular activities, and community involvement:

Name of current school _____

Address

City State Zip Code

Dean/Director's name: _____

GPA _____ **Expected Graduation Date** ____/____/____

Expected Degree: Circle One: BSN or MSOT

Advisor _____ **Phone Number** (____) _____

I hereby affirm that all the information provided is true. I am aware that any false statement will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application packets are not reviewed if emailed after April 18, 2025.

Scholarships Requirements

Each applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Current enrollment in Tuskegee University School of Nursing and Allied Health as a nursing student or occupational therapy student.
2. Good scholastic standing at the time of application. Cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above on a 4.00 scale

The application packet must contain all the following requirements:

1. Official transcript(s) from Tuskegee University. Send all **official transcripts** electronically to ravenm.resiliencescholars@gmail.com
2. A copy of your resume
3. An essay that adheres to the essay guidelines
4. At least two (2) letters of recommendation. At least one letter should come from a current faculty or dean that is written on the school's letterhead stationery. The second letter can come from a person of your choice.

Please note: Failure to submit a full and completed application packet with all the required documents will not be considered.

Essay Guidelines

Scholarship applicants must pick at least one out of the three questions listed below to include in their essay. The following information must be included to be considered for the scholarship:

1. Describe a time where you had to overcome a stressful situation within the nursing or OT program? What lessons did you learn? What skills did you develop and continue to implement to become a better person within your studies and life?
 2. How will you use your degree to improve the health status or social conditions of the community?
 3. What is your five-year goal after completing the nursing or OT program?
- Typed 12 font, non-Italic, and Times New Roman
 - Doubled spaced with one-inch margins.
 - Length: **minimum one page, maximum three pages**
 - Exhibits scholarly writing that is free of grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors.

The completed application packet must be emailed prior to or no later than April 18, 2025. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

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Applicant Check List

Before emailing your application packet, have you attached the following?

- Completed Application
- Transcript emailed electronically directly from the applicant's school to ravenm.resiliencescholars@gmail.com
- Resume
- Essay as specified in the application packet
- Two reference letters on letterhead required

Please ensure that your documents are emailed and received prior to or by April 18, 2025.

A rubric is used to evaluate / score your application. Please ensure that you have the above information in your application.