

## **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 sophomore, junior, and senior Nursing and Health Science students, as well as graduate Occupational Therapy (OT) students.*** Raven understands how diligent students must work to obtain a professional degree in healthcare; 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, Health Science, or Occupational Therapy Program at Tuskegee University.**

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.

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Dear Scholarship Applicant,

You must **email the completed application packet prior to or no later than April 20, 2026**. 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](mailto: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:**

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**Name of current school** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

**Dean/Director's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Classification:** **Sophomore** **Junior** **Senior**  
**Expected Graduation Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Expected Degree: (Circle One) : BSN or MSOT or Health Science**

**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 20, 2026.**

## 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](mailto:ravenm.resiliencescholars@gmail.com)
2. A copy of your resume
3. An essay that adheres to the essay guidelines
4. One (1) letter of recommendation. One letter should come from a current faculty or dean that is written on the school's letterhead stationery. (You are not required to obtain a second letter of recommendation, but if you wish, you may request one from someone 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 when you had to overcome a stressful situation within the nursing, OT, or health science 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 obtaining your degree from Tuskegee University School of Nursing and Allied Health?
- 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 20, 2026. 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](mailto:ravenm.resiliencescholars@gmail.com)
- Resume
- Essay as specified in the application packet
- One reference letter on letterhead required

**Please ensure that your documents are emailed and received prior to or by April 20, 2026.**

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

Contact [ravenm.resiliencescholars@gmail.com](mailto:ravenm.resiliencescholars@gmail.com) for any additional questions.