



Dr. Eilzen Ridgway Nursing Outreach Scholarship

(Affiliated with Alpha Sigma/ Sigma Theta Tau)



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. How is the scholarship awarded and how are the funds dispersed?

This is an SU Institutional Scholarship. The funds will be added to your student account. Funding levels and eligibility are subject to final approval from the Office of Student Financial Services*. If more than one recipient is selected, the scholarship will be divided.

*If you currently have a full tuition paid scholarship (e.g. Sullivan Scholarship), you are not eligible for this award.

2. The Ridgway Scholarship is affiliated with Alpha Sigma Chapter (Seattle University) of Sigma Theta Tau (STT). Can I apply for it even if I am not a member of Alpha Sigma/ STT?

Yes. While this Scholarship was begun by and remains affiliated with Alpha Sigma Chapter of STT to honor it's namesake, you qualify to apply with/without STT membership. The goals of this award are in sync with the foundations of STT – leadership, professional growth in research and scholarship.

You do need to have a minimum major GPA of 3.0 and an overall GPA of 2.75.

3. Does the proposed project need to be work I am doing for a class?

The project you choose can be something you create or can be part of your coursework.

4. Does the entire project need to be completed by the Spring deadline?

Yes. A milestone should be accomplished in the Spring quarter in order to be able to present your results at a Spring scholarship event (1-page summary *and* presentation). While the entire project can be something that is ongoing for you, your proposed plan should be clear about what will be accomplished by Spring quarter and your application will be evaluated on that plan.

5. What is the purpose of this scholarship and what should I focus my efforts on?

The purpose of this scholarship effort is to kindle and fuel leadership by encouraging student development in community outreach, service, and civic efforts. This scholarship also assists in developing leadership skills while supporting professional growth in research and scholarship. The focus should be upon a vulnerable, marginalized population/community.

Please refer to the online Mission-Background of the Dr. Eileen Ridgway Outreach Scholarship for additional, helpful information regarding Dr. Ridgway's spirit and influence.

6. Is a SUCON faculty recommendation form required?

Yes. This will be submitted by your faculty sponsor. Please ensure that you allow adequate time for your faculty sponsor to submit the *Faculty Recommendation Form* by the deadline.

7. Can a member of the Ridgway Outreach Committee be my project sponsor?

No. Ridgway Outreach committee members are part of the scholarship application review committee. To ensure the fairness of the review process for this highly competitive award, Ridgway Outreach committee members cannot serve as a project sponsor. Current committee members are noted at the end of this form.

Of Note: Committee faculty members are often engaged in mentoring students in project completion following award selection.

8. Does my project sponsor need to be a SUCON faculty member?

Yes. There are two strong reasons supporting that only SUCON faculty serve as your project sponsor: 1. The Eileen Ridgway Scholarship is for nursing students, and 2. The Eileen Ridgway Scholarship is affiliated with our campus nursing honorary – Alpha Sigma/ Sigma Theta Tau (STT). If you are need of assistance in finding a project, please ask your nursing academic advisor.

9. Can two or more SUCON students apply for this scholarship as a team/group?

No. As articulated in this scholarship's mission and vision, its fundamental purpose is to kindle and fuel leadership. The expectation is that the project is an individual project.

10. Is it possible for the scholarship to be split between two or more individual applicants?

Yes. Since this scholarship's inception in 1997, this has occurred 6 times. Please refer to online list Eileen Ridgway Outreach Scholarship Recipients.

11. May a previous Ridgway Outreach Scholarship recipient apply for this award a second time?

Yes. Each year, every application for this scholarship will be reviewed and considered for the scholarship.

12. What are the key elements upon which applications are reviewed and judged?

- Clearly *communicated spirit* of the Eileen Ridgway Outreach Scholarship (population served, needs based assessment, sustainability)
- *Clarity of project* (target population identified, plan for implementation and continuation of project, resources, overall goal)
- *Proposed dissemination of results* (clear, meaningful, organized)
- *Past/current community outreach*
- *Faculty recommendation*

13. Are students from other disciplines housed in the Seattle University CON (e.g. Diagnostic Ultra Sound) eligible for this scholarship?

No. As noted on the Dr. Eileen Ridgway Nursing Outreach Scholarship Application – one of the requirements includes that the applicants must “be nursing students at the undergraduate (juniors and seniors) or the graduate level”.

The Ridgway Outreach Scholarship Committee of Alpha Sigma/ Sigma Theta Tau (STT):

Chair: Molly K. Linden RN-Retired, MN ('76) | Alumni: Mary Geiger, RN-Retired, BSN ('72)

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