Raleigh, N.C. – North Carolina nurses looking to advance their careers are invited to apply for financial assistance through a new scholarship created by TeleHealth Services in partnership with the N.C. Foundation for Nursing.

The TeleHealth Nursing Scholarship of up to $2,000 annually was established to support registered nurses pursuing a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing degree in North Carolina. The scholarship is available to registered nurses who have chosen a career in nursing and are pursuing a degree at an accredited N.C. nursing program.

The 2019 scholarship application period is now open. The deadline for applications is May 31.

By 2025, North Carolina is projected to have the second-largest shortage of nurses in the nation — a deficit of nearly 13,000 — according to a Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies report.

“Partnering with industry leaders such as TeleHealth Services helps nursing students with the financial support to get the education they need and take leadership skills to the next level,” said N.C. Foundation for Nursing President Rosemary Brown, DNP, RN, NEA-BC. “Learning never ends for nurses. That’s why the association and its industry partners are committed to providing nurses with the resources they need to make the most of their careers.”

For more than 60 years, TeleHealth Services has been providing technology solutions to hospitals and other healthcare providers. Nurses are the catalyst to a successful patient experience in the hospital. Nurses teach patients about their conditions and enable patients and family members to be active participants in their care and recovery. TeleHealth Services’ interactive patient engagement and education solutions help nurses deliver and reinforce education in ways that increase retention and foster long-term positive health behavioral change.

“We have always appreciated the role of nurses caring for patients by providing technology solutions to support nurses. Helping nursing students is important to TeleHealth Services and this commitment is even more important today with our nation experiencing a shortage of registered nurses,” said Dan Nathan, senior vice president, TeleHealth Services. “This trend is expected to intensify as Baby Boomers age and the demand for healthcare services increases. The rising number of patients with chronic diseases, an aging nursing workforce and a limited capacity for growth at nursing schools is worrying healthcare providers. Establishing this scholarship is another way we can make a difference, especially in North Carolina where we are headquartered.”

“The TeleHealth Services Nursing Scholarship provides an opportunity for practicing RNs to further their education and increase career opportunities regardless of resources,” said TeleHealth Services Clinical Outcomes Manager Claire Thevenot, MBA, BSN, RN, OCN. “TeleHealth is demonstrating an appreciation and support of the nursing profession through this commitment.”
With TeleHealth Services interactive patient engagement and education solutions, doctors and nurses prescribe health videos that the patient controls from the bedside via a tablet or television. The system generates activity reports for staff to review, and measure learning and patient comprehension to assess when additional education is required. Condition-specific clinical education is automatically documented in the patient’s EMR and can be accessed post-discharge to further reinforce adherence to medications and follow-up care plans.

For more information about the TeleHealth Services scholarship, please visit the North Carolina Foundation for Nursing. Also, please visit a link to the application.

About NCNA and NCFN

The North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA) and the North Carolina Foundation for Nursing (NCFN) support nurses to provide quality healthcare to the people of North Carolina. The NCNA serves the changing needs of its members, addresses nursing issues, and advocates for the health and well-being of all people. As the leading professional organization for North Carolina’s registered nurses, the association equips nurses at all stages to thrive in an ever-changing healthcare environment. NCNA helps keep North Carolina nurses on the cutting edge of nursing practice, policy, education, and more. Established in 1902, NCNA provides continuing education, networking and legislative advocacy for registered nurses throughout North Carolina. For more information, please visit www.ncnurses.org.