

FISCAL YEAR 2018 NURSE EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Submitted for: Action.

Summary: This item presents a staff recommendation for 19 faculty members to receive Nurse Educator Fellowship awards in Fiscal Year 2018. These individuals meet the qualifications set forth in the Nurse Educator Fellowship rules and have been selected from 26 nominations. Awards will be used to supplement the salaries of these nursing faculty members.

This grant program is tied to Goal 3 of the *Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success*, increase the number of high-quality postsecondary credentials to meet the demands of the economy. Nursing has been a long-term high-demand field that requires the retention of well-qualified faculty to train additional nursing students. This fellowship helps institutions recognize their well-qualified nurse educators so that Illinois can continue to address the long-term demand for well-trained nurses.

Action Requested: That the Illinois Board of Higher Education approve the allocation of \$190,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 19 individuals who are recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship Awards in Fiscal Year 2018.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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It has been three years since the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE or Board) has received an appropriation of state funds for the Nurse Educator Fellowships. In Fiscal Year 2015 the Board approved 22 educators for fellowships but the funds were subsequently suspended due to the state's budget crisis. This year the Illinois Center for Nursing notified the 22 educators and chief nursing administrators about the opportunity to re-apply for the award. Nine of the 22 educators re-applied and are recommended for funding this year.

Participation in this program is open to Illinois institutions of higher learning with a pre-licensure nursing program approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

To be eligible to receive a fellowship award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Nominated by the chief nursing administrator in an eligible institution;
- Made significant contributions to the nursing program;
- Illinois resident and a minimum of a master's degree in nursing;
- Employed in a full-time nursing faculty position at an eligible institution;
- Employed by the nominating institution in a teaching position preparing registered nurses for a minimum of 12 months; and
- Not received a fellowship award in the past five years.

Fellowship funds are salary supplements that, at the discretion of the fellow, may be used for expenses related to professional development and continuing education. Awards are made to the participating higher education institution on behalf of the fellow selected for receiving the award.

The Fiscal Year 2018 appropriation for the program is \$197,400 and will provide 19 fellowships of \$10,000 each. Fellows will have an opportunity to participate in statewide nursing advocacy to help address the nursing shortage in Illinois. Fellows may be asked to consult with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Center for Nursing regarding statewide nursing issues. Each fellow will be responsible for preparing a final report that describes their fellowship experience.

Recommendation

The staff recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

That the Illinois Board of Higher Education hereby approves the allocation of \$190,000 to eligible institutions on behalf of the 19 individuals recommended to receive \$10,000 Nurse Educator Fellowship awards for Fiscal Year 2018 (see Appendix 1). The Board authorizes the Executive Director to make pro rata adjustments to awards in the event that appropriated funds are reduced or to delay the awards if funds are not available for the program.

APPENDIX 1
Fiscal Year 2018 Nurse Educator Fellowship Recommendations

(in alphabetical order)

<u>Fiscal Year 2015 Fellows</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Denise Caldwell, MSN, RN*	Lewis & Clark Community College
Richard Ellis, MSN, MSHA, RN*	Methodist College
Tisha Goad, MSN, RN	Lake Land College
Amanda Hopkins, PhD, RN	Illinois Wesleyan University
Anne Hustad, MSN, RN, CNE	IL Eastern Community College - Olney Central
Carol Kostovich, PhD, RN, CHSE	Loyola University of Chicago
Pam Laskowski, MSN, PhD(c), RN, CNE*	Millikin University
O. Ed Reitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC	Illinois State University
Jennifer Smith, MSN, EdD(c), RN*	Harper College

<u>New Fellows</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Marcia Bulthuis, MS, RN, CNOR	Prairie State College
Jie Chen, PhD, RN	Northern Illinois University
Ann L. Eckhardt, PhD, RN	Illinois Wesleyan University
Toula Kelikian, MSN, PhD(c), RN*	Morton College
Maripat King, DNP, ACNP, RN	University of Illinois at Chicago
Georgine J. Maisch, MSN, RN	Aurora University
Jaimie Nickell, MSN, RN*	Millikin University
Kelli Nickols, DNP, APN, RN	Moraine Valley Community College
Nanci Reiland, MSN, RN*	Lewis University
Kelly Tisdale, MSN, DNP(c), RN*	Joliet Junior College

*Doctoral student

Each recipient will receive a \$10,000 award for a total of \$190,000.