



SAMUEL MERRITT
UNIVERSITY

2010-2011 Robert Wood Johnson Scholarship Application

Note: This scholarship is for spring 2010 prospective students of the Samuel Merritt University ABSN Program

Samuel Merritt University with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announces new funding available for students in the Accelerated BSN Program. There are up to 4 scholarships for students that start spring 2010 in the Sacramento or San Mateo campus. These new scholarship awards are available to new prospective students from underrepresented groups or disadvantaged backgrounds. Preference will be given to male and Hispanic students. The purpose of this award is to enhance diversity in the ABSN program.

- ✓ A total of four scholarship awards of \$10,000 are available to students in the Samuel Merritt University Accelerated BSN Program in the Sacramento or San Mateo campus for spring 2010. Financial need is not a criterion for the scholarship but a FAFSA needs to be completed. Students must fill out the 2009-2010 FAFSA (Currently Available) and the 2010-2011 (Available after January 1, 2010).
- ✓ Scholarship recipients must be open to having a faculty member or mentor throughout the ABSN program. Recipients must participate in a focus group and in activities that involve mentorship and leadership.

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants for the 2010 award cycle must be enrolled in the Samuel Merritt University Accelerated BSN Program in the Sacramento or San Mateo Campus and expect to graduate December 2010. For initial and continuing scholarship eligibility, recipients must (1) be accepted and enrolled full-time in the Accelerated BSN Program in the Sacramento or San Mateo Campus, (2) maintain satisfactory academic and clinical progress according to Samuel Merritt University Program criteria, (3) maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and (4) must participate in a focus group throughout the ABSN program.

Application Deadline

Applications must be postmarked by **October 31st, 2009**. Applicants must follow up on their application to make sure it is complete. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

How to Apply

Refer to the attached ***Application Instructions and Materials*** for detailed instructions and other required documents. Send completed application materials to: Financial Aid Office, 450 30th St. Suite 2850, Oakland Ca 94609

Recipient Selection

Meeting eligibility criteria does not guarantee that an applicant will receive a scholarship. This scholarship is on a first come first serve basis. Preference will be given to students from groups underrepresented in nursing or from disadvantaged backgrounds. There will be a total of four awards for spring 2010, two recipients will be chosen from the Sacramento and two from the San Mateo campus.

Notification

Students will receive a notification letter from the Financial Aid Office in November.

Scholarship Distribution

Recipients will receive one lump sum in the spring 2010 semester in the amount of \$10,000.00

Mentoring and Leadership Experiences

Scholarship recipients will be assigned a faculty mentor. There will also be monthly meetings scheduled to discuss issues and plan support activities.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND MATERIALS, 2010

Robert Wood Johnson Scholarship Application Instructions

For students of the Samuel Merritt University Accelerated BSN Program

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Verify that you are eligible to apply by reading the **eligibility requirements**.
 2. Carefully read all enclosed documents:
 - Application Form
 3. If you have any questions after reviewing the enclosed, please contact Lily Marquez at lmarquez@samuelmerritt.edu
 4. Keep copies of your application documents for your records and mail originals by **October 31st, 2009** to:
Samuel Merritt University, Financial Aid Office
450 30th St. Suite 2850
Oakland, CA 94609
- PLEASE NOTE:** Read all instructions carefully! Incorrect or incomplete information may delay processing of your application or disqualify you from consideration.

All items must be postmarked no later than October 31, 2009 unless otherwise specified in the *Application Materials* section below. It is each applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are postmarked by the deadline. Your application will not be considered if any materials are postmarked after that date.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. **APPLICATION FORM.** Please read the entire form carefully before completing. All information requested is mandatory unless otherwise indicated. Incomplete or incorrect **Application Forms** may not be considered.

APPLICATION FORM

2010-2011 Robert Wood Johnson Application

For students in the Samuel Merritt University Accelerated BSN Program

Please print or type all information on this form completely and accurately. All requested information is **mandatory** unless otherwise indicated. Incomplete or incorrect information will delay processing of your application. If you have questions, call Lily Marquez, Samuel Merritt University at 510-869-1502

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MIDDLE NAME		GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE	
1(a) Applicant's Address and Telephone Number (If using a P.O. Box, a street address is also required)					1(b) MANDATORY: Alternate Contact Person (Address and phone # MUST be different from applicant's)				
STREET ADDRESS			APT #		NAME			RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT	
CITY		STATE		ZIPCODE		STREET ADDRESS		CITY	STATE
EVENING PHONE ()		DAY PHONE ()			HOME PHONE ()			ZIPCODE	
CELL PHONE ()		EMAIL ADDRESS							

2. ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Program Start Date: / /

Expected Graduation Date: / /

Campus Location:

3. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The following information will be used for scholarship purposes only.

Gender (Please check one):

- Male Female

Ethnic Background (Please check all that apply):

- African/African-American Asian American/Pacific Islanders/Filipino
 Hispanic/Latino Caucasian/White
 Middle Eastern American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native American
 Other: _____

Are you the first generation to go to college/university:

- Yes No

What is your adjusted gross income:

- Less than \$25,000 \$25,001-\$45,000 \$45,001-\$65,000 \$65,001 or more

Are you a citizen of the United States: Yes No, but I am an eligible non citizen

4. CERTIFICATION

- All of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked, I agree to provide substantiation of the information that I have given on this application.
- I understand that in receiving this scholarship award I will be assigned to a faculty mentor who will guide me along in the ABSN program.
- I understand that I will be required to participate in monthly meetings with other scholarship recipients and their mentors in one location (or by video conference) to discuss issues and plan support activities.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

APPLICATION DATE

APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE **POSTMARKED** or received by the Financial Aid Office NO LATER THAN **October 31st, 2009, by 5:00pm.**