



SAMUEL MERRITT  
UNIVERSITY

2012-2013

## Robert Wood Johnson Scholarship Application

*For students of the Samuel Merritt University Accelerated BSN Program*

Samuel Merritt University with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announces funding for students in the Samuel Merritt University Accelerated BSN Program. There are 10 scholarships available for students that start in spring 2012. These 10 new scholarship awards are available to spring 2012 entry students in the San Mateo and Sacramento campuses. Preference will be given to students from groups underrepresented in nursing or from disadvantaged backgrounds. The purpose of this award is to enhance diversity in the ABSN program.

- ✓ Ten scholarship awards of \$10,000 are available to students in the Samuel Merritt University Accelerated BSN Program. Students starting spring 2012 must fill out an application and complete a 2011-2012 FAFSA (Available now) and a 2012-2013 FAFSA (Available after January, 1, 2012) The website to complete a FAFSA is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ✓ Scholarship recipients must be open to having a faculty member or mentor throughout the ABSN program. A student must be willing to participate in a focus group and in activities that involve mentorship and leadership.

### Eligibility to Apply

Applicants for the 2012 award cycle must be enrolled in the Samuel Merritt University Accelerated BSN Program in the San Mateo or Sacramento campus for spring 2012. For initial scholarship eligibility, recipients must (1) be enrolled full time in the Accelerated BSN Program, (2) Be from underrepresented or disadvantaged background, (3) maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and (4) must be willing to participate in a focus group throughout the ABSN program.

### Application Deadline

Applications for 2012 award cycle must be postmarked by **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. However, make sure that you follow up on your 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: Samuel Merritt University, Financial Aid Office, 3100 Telegraph Ave, Suite 1110, 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. Recipients will be notified after their application gets reviewed by the University.

### Scholarship Distribution

Recipients will receive one lump sum their first 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, 2012

### Robert Wood Johnson Scholarship Application Instructions

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#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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1. Verify that you are eligible to apply by reading the ***eligibility requirements***.
  2. Carefully read enclosed document:
    - Application Form
  3. If you have any questions after reviewing the enclosed, please contact Lily Ana Marquez at lmarquez@samuelmerritt.edu
  4. Keep copies of your application documents for your records and mail originals by **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011** to:  
Samuel Merritt University, Financial Aid Office  
3100 Telegraph Ave Suite 1110  
Oakland, CA 94609
- **PLEASE NOTE:** **Read all instructions carefully!** Incorrect or incomplete information may delay processing of your application or disqualify you from consideration.
- Application must be postmarked no later than December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** It is each applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials be postmarked by the deadline. Your application will not be considered if any materials are postmarked after that date.

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#### APPLICATION MATERIALS

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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

## 2012 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 510-8691502.

### 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

What is your Race/Ethnicity Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first generation to go to college/university:  
 Yes                       No

What is your adjusted grow income:  
 Less than \$25,000.00    \$25,001.00-\$45,000.00    \$45,0001.00-\$65,000.00    \$65,001.00 or more

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

### 4. ESSAY

In 500 words or less please respond to **ALL** questions below: (PLEASE PRINT, TYPE or WRITE LEGIBLY your responses in a Separate Paper attached to this application)

1. What has been your personal experience with health care, and how does that shape your view of nursing?
2. Where do you see yourself in five years professionally and/or academically?
3. If you could be a nurse leader, what would you change about health care?
4. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you as it pertains to this scholarship?

### 5. CERTIFICATION

- All of the information on this Form 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 Form.
- 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
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APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE **POSTMARKED** NO LATER THAN **December 6th, 2011**.

## **FOR FINANCIAL AID USE ONLY**

Gender (Circle one): Male or Female

Ethnic Background (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: \_\_\_\_\_

Official GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAS Score: \_\_\_\_\_

FAFSA Complete (Circle one):      Yes    or    No

COA: \_\_\_\_\_                      EFC: \_\_\_\_\_    Financial Need: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Admit Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus Location (Circle one):    SRC    or    San Mateo

Date Application is reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for Scholarship: Yes or No