



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4633

Introduced 2/3/2026, by Rep. Dan Swanson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 975/5

from Ch. 144, par. 2755

Amends the Nursing Education Scholarship Law. Provides that beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, subject to appropriation from the General Revenue Fund and in addition to any other funds available to the Department of Public Health for nursing education scholarships, the Department may award additional nursing education scholarships. Removes a provision regarding nursing education scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nursing Education Scholarship Law is
5 amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (110 ILCS 975/5) (from Ch. 144, par. 2755)

7 Sec. 5. Nursing education scholarships. Beginning with the
8 fall term of the 2004-2005 academic year, the Department, in
9 accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by it for
10 this program, shall provide scholarships to individuals
11 selected from among those applicants who qualify for
12 consideration by showing:

13 (1) that he or she has been a resident of this State
14 for at least one year prior to application and is a citizen
15 or a lawful permanent resident of the United States;

16 (2) that he or she is enrolled in or accepted for
17 admission to an associate degree in nursing program,
18 hospital-based diploma in nursing program, baccalaureate
19 degree in nursing program, graduate degree in nursing
20 program, or practical nursing program at an approved
21 institution; and

22 (3) that he or she agrees to meet the nursing
23 employment obligation.

1 If in any year the number of qualified applicants exceeds
2 the number of scholarships to be awarded, the Department
3 shall, in consultation with the Illinois Nursing Workforce
4 Center Advisory Board, consider the following factors in
5 granting priority in awarding scholarships:

6 (A) Financial need, as shown on a standardized
7 financial needs assessment form used by an approved
8 institution, of students who will pursue their education
9 on a full-time or close to full-time basis and who already
10 have a certificate in practical nursing, a diploma in
11 nursing, or an associate degree in nursing and are
12 pursuing a higher degree.

13 (B) A student's status as a registered nurse who is
14 pursuing a graduate degree in nursing to pursue employment
15 in an approved institution that educates licensed
16 practical nurses and that educates registered nurses in
17 undergraduate and graduate nursing programs.

18 (C) A student's merit, as shown through his or her
19 grade point average, class rank, and other academic and
20 extracurricular activities. The Department may add to and
21 further define these merit criteria by rule.

22 Unless otherwise indicated, scholarships shall be awarded
23 to recipients at approved institutions for a period of up to 2
24 years if the recipient is enrolled in an associate degree in
25 nursing program, up to 3 years if the recipient is enrolled in
26 a hospital-based diploma in nursing program, up to 4 years if

1 the recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree in nursing
2 program, up to 5 years if the recipient is enrolled in a
3 graduate degree in nursing program, and up to one year if the
4 recipient is enrolled in a certificate in practical nursing
5 program. At least 40% of the scholarships awarded shall be for
6 recipients who are pursuing baccalaureate degrees in nursing,
7 30% of the scholarships awarded shall be for recipients who
8 are pursuing associate degrees in nursing or a diploma in
9 nursing, 10% of the scholarships awarded shall be for
10 recipients who are pursuing a certificate in practical
11 nursing, and 20% of the scholarships awarded shall be for
12 recipients who are pursuing a graduate degree in nursing.

13 Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, subject to
14 appropriation from the General Revenue Fund and in addition to
15 any other funds available to the Department for such
16 scholarships, the Department may award additional scholarships
17 under this Section.

18 ~~During the 2021-2022 academic year, subject to~~
19 ~~appropriation from the Hospital Licensure Fund, in addition to~~
20 ~~any other funds available to the Department for such~~
21 ~~scholarships, the Department may award a total of \$500,000 in~~
22 ~~scholarships under this Section.~~

23 (Source: P.A. 102-641, eff. 8-27-21; 102-699, eff. 4-19-22;
24 102-1030, eff. 5-27-22; 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.