Nursing Scholars Program FAQs

What is the first step in applying to the Nursing Scholars Program?
You must first apply for admission to Augusta University. To be eligible for the Nursing Scholars Program you must apply by the Early Action deadline of November 15. Applications for undergraduate admission become available in August of your senior year. You can access the application by clicking here.

Are out of state students eligible to apply for the Nursing Scholars Program?
Yes, out of state students are eligible to apply.

If I become a Nursing Scholar, can I complete my BSN courses on the Athens campus?
No, the Augusta University Nursing Scholars Program is only for eligible students who complete their core nursing requirements in Augusta on the Summerville campus and progress into the BSN Program on the Health Sciences campus in Augusta.

Do I have to have verification of Lawful Presence to apply?
In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 4.1.6, all applicants for admission to Augusta University for fall 2011 or any academic semester thereafter will be required to provide validation of lawful presence in the United States. Acceptance to the Augusta University is conditional until lawful presence is verified. All applicants must submit documentation that verifies his/her lawful presence in the United States.

What major do I select on my application for undergraduate admission?
You will select Pre-Nursing as your major of interest on your application for undergraduate admission.

Do I need to submit a letter of recommendation on the application for undergraduate admission?
No, you do not need to complete a letter of recommendation on the application for undergraduate admission?
Will I be prompted to answer essay/short answer questions on the application for undergraduate admission?
No, as an undergraduate student you will not be prompted to answer essay/short answer questions. They may appear initially on the application for undergraduate admission, but will be blocked after you begin to complete the application.

How do I receive the supplemental application?
The supplemental application will be e-mailed to qualifying students by November 30 pending a minimum Freshman Index (FI) calculation of 3000 or higher. The FI is based on standardized test scores and academic GPA (from which the FI is generated).

- The Freshman Index is defined by Undergraduate Admissions: http://www.augusta.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman.php
- In addition to other standardized scores for the Freshman Index, the G.P.A. only includes grades earned from the following courses and units (for students who graduated from high school in 2012 or later):
  - English: 4 units
  - Mathematics: 4 units
  - Science: 4 units with labs
  - Social Science: 3 units
  - Foreign Language: 2 units of the same foreign language

Do I need to submit a letter of recommendation on the supplemental application?
Yes, you will need to submit TWO letters of recommendation on the supplemental application.

- One MUST be from a science teacher/faculty or their assistant
- The second recommendation may be from a coach or employer who is not a relative, personal health care provider or clergy

Each is asked to provide insight on your academic abilities, integrity, ethical behavior, motivation and attitude.

When is the supplemental application due?
The supplemental application is due January 15. Specific instructions regarding submission of the application will be enclosed in the e-mail communication to qualified students in November.

What is the date of the latest standardized test I can take to be eligible for the program?
The latest standardized test date utilized for eligibility is October of your senior year in high school.
Can I apply to the Nursing Scholars Program as a transfer student?
No, you cannot apply as a transfer student. However, the Office of Academic Admission is happy to discuss the opportunities available to you at Augusta University as a transfer student.

How many students applied to be in the program last year?
Admission for the Nursing Scholars program is very competitive. If you feel you are a competitive applicant based on your academic credentials and passion for serving others, you are encouraged to apply. Twenty (20) competitive applicants will be selected and notified via email by March 1.

What is the best way to tour Augusta University?
We encourage you to see first-hand all Augusta University has to offer. Click here to find out more about campus tours and events.

Are there special scholarships for Nursing Scholar students?
There are no special scholarships for accepted Nursing Scholar students; however, you are encouraged to apply for institutional scholarships by the scholarship deadline in order to be evaluated for a comprehensive list of scholarship opportunities. In addition, as a public institution in Georgia, qualifying Georgia residents are awarded the HOPE or ZELL Miller Scholarship.

Are there any ongoing requirements during my freshman and sophomore years?
Yes, nursing scholars must consent and adhere to the Nursing Scholars Course Progression Agreement, maintain a GPA of 3.4 or better, participate in the Pre-Nursing Society, work towards the Leadership Certificate (see the Augusta University Experiential Learning Program, Learning by Doing), and more. In addition, nursing scholars are required to obtain a TEAS score of 75 or better by the end of the sophomore fall semester (as is required of all other BSN program applicants). Scholars must meet and maintain the College of Nursing Academic Conduct, Professional Behaviors and Values, and Social Media policies.

Also, see the Nursing Scholars Program – Description and Guidelines

For information on other Augusta University College of Nursing programs, click here:

www.augusta.edu/nursing