Georgia Association of Nursing Students

***Mary Long ­ BTN Scholarship***

**Award Information**

Mary Long has served as the Second Vice President of the American Nurses Association, on the Board of Trustees of the American Nurses Foundation, as President of the Georgia Nurses Association, and as the President of the Georgia Nurses Foundation. Long started her career at Grady Memorial Hospital as a staff, then becoming charge nurse and later Director, Community Health/Central Referral. She was the first Black elected President of the Georgia Nurses Association, the first minority Chairperson for Georgia Nurses (GNA) Political Action Committee.

The award promotes diversity in the profession of nursing. This individual should demonstrate leadership and participation in activities highlighting cultural understanding and mentoring relationships. The BTN projects are intended to increase diversity in nursing by recruiting members from underrepresented populations, and by increasing cultural sensitivity and tolerance in all nurses.

This scholarship will be awarded to the nursing student who best meets these criteria:

* The applicant must be enrolled as a full­time student in Georgia.
* The applicant must be a current member in good standing of NSNA and GANS, but CANNOT be a sitting GANS board member.
* The applicant must be involved in state or national BTN activities.
* The applicant should have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, chapter advisor, or Dean from the applicant's school of nursing sent to GANS on his or her behalf.

***The recipient of this award will receive a certificate, and a monetary prize.***

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Award submissions will be submitted online. Please create a document highlighting the nominees attributes in an organized manner.

This document MUST include:

* The school and nursing association chapter name.
* The name of the chapter President and their contact information.
* The name of a designated contact person with their contact information.
* The name of the nominee and their contact information.
* The nominee’s NSNA membership number.
* The expected graduation date of the nominee.
* The current cumulative GPA of the nominee.
* A personal statement from the nominee detailing their participation in BTN events over the past year and how they believe GANS can promote diversity in nursing.

This document MAY also include:

* A list of any organization elected offices held by the nominee.
* A list of any committees the nominee has served on with details on their role.
* A list of any accomplishments while in nursing school.
* A list of any community involvement or volunteer activities of the nominee.
* A list of any scholarships or awards the nominee has received.
* A list of any chapter, GANS, or NSNA events that the nominee has attended.

\*Separately:

* The nominee’s official transcript is required to be sent via email to GANS Awards [Coordinator at](mailto:GANS.eastdistrict@gmail.com) [eastdd@ganursingstudents.com](mailto:eastdd@ganursingstudents.com) If this is not possible, please obtain a sealed transcript and have your faculty advisor email it to maintain integrity.
* A letter of recommendation from an instructor, school chapter advisor, or the Dean/Director of the nominee’s nursing program emailed to GANS Awards [Coordinator](mailto:GANS.eastdistrict@gmail.com) [eastdd@ganursingstudents.com](mailto:eastdd@ganursingstudents.com) entitled (Nominee Name) BTN Recommendation