



## DAVID RAINES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FIRST GENERATION ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND for NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

### Description

SUSLA is pleased to partner with the David Raines Community Health Center (DRCHC) to establish this fund for Nursing and healthcare majors. As a leader in providing access to quality healthcare to the citizens of the MLK Community and the surrounding communities, David Raines Community Health Center (DRCHC) is committed to investing in the development of talent for the healthcare industry. Each year, DRHC partners with Southern University at Shreveport to grant access to students through scholarships. David Raines Community Health Center's investment will help to remove barriers for students who are first in their family to attend college. The First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship fund is matched with contributions from SUSLA's Title 3 fund and a public grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

The first-generation fund was established by the Board of Regents for the purpose of increasing college access and success for low-income and first-generation students. The objectives of this fund are:

- To provide scholarships that will increase the access of first-generation students with unmet financial need to higher education opportunities in Louisiana
- To provide eligible students with structured support through active and engaged advising; and
- To provide eligible students with meaningful employment during their education

Type: Endowed Benefactor: David Raines Community Health Center First Generation

Department: Nursing & Allied Health, SUSLA first time, first-generation student

Due Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in May each year (To ensure that David Raines Community Health Center Scholarship Committee deadline is met)

Average Award: \$3,000 (\$1,500/each Fall and Spring semester)

ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA & SELECTION PROCESS: Student recipients must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a Louisiana resident;
2. Must qualify as first-generation college students (i.e., neither custodial parent(s) nor legal guardian(s) have earned a college degree) with remaining financial need after deducting Student Aid Index (SAI) and all federal/state/institutional grant or scholarship aid ("gift aid") from student's Cost of Attendance (COA) and/or students, whether first-generation or not, awarded federal Pell grant;
3. Must have been accepted and enrolled in SUSLA as a full-time student at the undergraduate level;
4. Must declare a major in Nursing or Allied Health; complete and submit an application to the SUSLA Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in May;
5. Must have completed a minimum of 12 hours attending SUSLA
6. Must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA
7. Must complete and submit an application to the SUSLA Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in May along with the following documents:
  - Official Financial Aid Transcript
  - Official Transcript or Letter from Registrar
  - Three (3) current letters of Recommendation
  - Anticipated date of graduation
8. In addition to scholarship aid and to help students be successful in navigating the college experience, recipients must agree to accept structured support through active and engaged advising.
9. Students must be willing to accept employment (campus or off-campus) for at least 10 hours per week. (Off-campus employment must be directly or indirectly relevant to and supportive of the student's post-degree career plans and/or field of study.).
10. Students must meet other requirements consistent with the SUSLA Scholarship guidelines and SU System policies.
11. Students must sign Scholarship Acceptance Letter agreeing to all terms of award
12. Retention of this award is contingent upon student maintaining all eligibility standards (19) listed above.

How to Apply:

1. Download the David Raines Community Health Center First Generation Application for Nursing and Allied Health at: [www.susla.edu/page/scholarships](http://www.susla.edu/page/scholarships)

2. Submit completed applications and uploaded documents online using the Financial Aid Secure Upload at <https://www.susla.edu/FinancialAidSecureDocumentUpload> by the deadline date. Review application carefully before submitting. All submissions final.
3. Selection: The Scholarship Review Committee will make all recommendations regarding awards and the student will be notified via email listed on the application

Applications may also be mailed to:

SUSLA Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Attn: Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships

3050 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Shreveport, LA 71107

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