A Big THANKS to our 2011 Reviewers!

This year, 20 wonderful scholarship and 8 research grant application reviewers dedicated their time to score applications. A lot of time and effort goes into the review process and FNF would like recognize these reviewers for their dedication to the future of nursing. Please see below for the list of 2011 reviewers.

**2011 Scholarship Reviewers**

Cynthia Blum  
Susan Borglund  
Ed Briggs  
Nadine Connor  
Susan Dyess  
Debi Hunt  
Alice Hunter  
Sonia James  
Carole Kain  
Mavra Kear  
Michael Murphy  
Lorraine Norvosel  
Sherry Pontious  
Patricia Seabrooks  
George Byron Smith  
Tracey Stehman  
Mary Lou VanCott  
Selma Verse  
Debi Wagner  
Jill Winland-Brown

**2011 Research Grant Reviewers**

Charles Buscemi  
Debi Hunt  
Carole Kain  
Mavra Kear  
Deirdre Krause  
Beverly Roberts  
Anne Vitale  
Debi Wagner

Special thanks to Debi Hunt for organizing the research grant review process!

**What Does It Take To Be A Reviewer?** Each summer, scholarship and research grant application reviewers take time to review applications and blindly score them so that annual awards can be made.

Scholarship reviewers usually score 8-10 applications based on criteria such as potential for contribution to nursing, academic aptitude, clinical expertise, activity in professional organizations, and financial need.

Research grant reviewers must be doctoral level researchers and usually score between 2-6 proposals. Research grant criteria is based on significance to nursing, scientific merit, innovation, appropriateness of methodology to the research, and qualifications of the investigators.
Grants & Scholarships Continued

Past Recipient Presents at FNF Luncheon
Debi Hunt is a past recipient of an FNF Research Grant. Debi has her Doctorate in Nursing and has spent the past five years researching issues surrounding Dementia and their caregivers. Debi also teaches Gerontology at the Undergraduate and Graduate level at the University of Central Florida.

Debi will be presenting Middle Age Dementia at the FNF Luncheon on September 23 at the FNA Membership Assembly. FNF will also be announcing 2011 research grant and scholarship recipients at the luncheon. Award recipients are encouraged to attend and receive their awards and be honored.

September 23rd is also FREE STUDENT DAY so please encourage students you know to attend the entire day. (There is an additional fee to attend the luncheon. Award recipients attend for free.)

Visit floridanurse.org and click on “Conferences” to register or email conferences@floridanurse.org for more information on either of these events.

The Florida Nurses Foundation (FNF) exists to promote nursing and delivery of healthcare through the advancement of research, education and practice. Each year, funds are provided to nurses and students for scholarships, research grants, political advocacy initiatives and Nurses in Need, a program for nurses who find themselves in immediate need of financial assistance.

The Philanthropy of Nursing
A Note From The President...

FNF is still looking for volunteers to join the Board of Trustees. As a FNF Trustee, you play an important role leading the direction of the Foundation. Some important duties that FNF Trustees participate in are fundraising, approving the FNF annual budget, managing the Nurses in Need grant, as well as coordinating the scholarship and research grant application review process.

More important than the tangible tasks of operating the Foundation, Trustees must lead their colleagues in the nursing profession by making the philanthropy of nursing a priority in all of our lives. In so many ways, nursing is about giving. Nurses give dedication to their patients, commitment to their students, and consideration to their peers.

Year after year, the Foundation continues to give to nurses who need assistance. Please consider giving your time now, when we need it most, as a FNF Trustee. If you are interested in becoming a FNF Trustee, please email your CV to foundation@floridanurse.org or download an application at floridanurse.org. Click on the FNF logo at the bottom of the page to be directed to the Foundation webpage.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration! I would like to thank my fellow Foundation Trustees for their dedication to the nursing profession, as well as thank all of our FNF volunteers who review grant applications and those who donate to our funds.

Truly, FNA members give the best of yourselves to your profession.

Sincerely,
Regina Mirabella, MSN, RN
Lucinda Pins sales are a Foundation fundraiser favorite! You can view an online album of available pins by visiting the Foundation section at floridanurse.org and clicking on the Foundation logo at the bottom of the page. Pins are $16 each.

FNF is always adding new pins to collection so don’t miss out! The holidays are right around the corner and you may find the perfect Lucinda pins for each one of them! Check out some of the styles we have to offer below.

Lucinda Pins will be sold at the Membership Assembly as well!
Barbara Lumpkin Institute Presents

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending 2012 Lobby Days. The Lobby Days conference provides the opportunity for nurses and nursing students to learn about issues related to nursing and healthcare, review pending legislation, and meet with state legislators about these issues. Participants discuss FNA legislative priorities and strategize how to push these initiatives forward.

Endowments Reached

Thank you to the Charitable Trust (located in the South Region, previously District 5 Charitable Trust) for their recent donation to the Undine Sams Nurses in Need fund. Due to this donation, the fund is now endowed at $15,000.

Thank you also to District 4 for their recent donations. Due to these donations, the Martha Russell Scholarship Fund is now available and the Imogene King Research Grant Fund is now endowed at the $15,000 level.

Thank you to both of these groups for their generosity! Your dollars are funding the future of nursing.

How Can You Contribute?

Visit floridanurse.org and click on the Foundation logo on the bottom of the page to visit the Foundation webpage. On this page, you can view the list of available scholarship, research grant, and Nurses in Need funds.

To donate to any of these funds, either send a check to the Florida Nurses Foundation (see below for information) and write the name of the fund that you would like to support on the memo line. To donate online, hover over the word “Foundation” and select “Donate.” The list of funds are listed on this page. Giving to one is just a click away!

You can also donate to the Foundation General Fund or the Barbara Lumpkin Institute. Barbara Lumpkin Institute dollars contribute to public policy education for nurses.

Thank you in advance for your contribution! To contribute, mail your check to FNF, P.O. Box 536985, Orlando, FL 32853. Please put what fund you’d like to donate to on the memo line, i.e.—Nurses in Need, Paula Massey Endowment Fund, etc. & make payable to FNF. You can also donate online at floridanurse.org and clicking on the FNF logo at the bottom of the page. Thank you again for your generosity!