

#### **IV. SUPPORT SERVICES/ORGANIZATIONS**

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid & Scholarships home pages. Please make an effort to visit the CSUB Financial Aid & Scholarships home page at [www.csub.edu/finaid](http://www.csub.edu/finaid). The home page provides 1) detailed information about how to apply for financial aid; 2) a description of the various types of financial aid including grants, loans, scholarships, tax credits, and work-study; 3) access to the various online financial aid forms, applications, and brochures, most of which are provided in Portable Data Format (PDF) and are “Fill & Print” forms; 4) information about student eligibility and requirements including eligibility for financial aid, satisfactory academic progress, enrollment requirements, probation/dismissal, appeals, withdrawal and repayment, and refund of fees; 5) information about award determination including electronic access to the Preliminary Aid Information System (PAIS) and the nine-month academic year CSUB student financial aid budgets; 6) the financial aid processing timeline; 7) answers to frequently asked questions; 8) useful links and telephone numbers to important financial aid, scholarship, and related informational sources available to students; 9) information about the office including how to contact staff, mission statement, services provided, students served, statistical summaries, goals and objectives, and student survey; and 10) the Financial Aid Highlights (FAH) section which provides access to periodic electronic news updates containing informational items pertaining to financial aid and scholarships of relevance to the CSUB community.

Nursing Student Loan Program. The Nursing Student Loan Program provides up to \$2,500 annually for the first two years of undergraduate study in the nursing program, \$4,000 annually for subsequent undergraduate study, up to \$4,000 can also be provided for graduate study. Repayment begins at 5% interest rate nine months after a student graduates or ceases to be a half-time student.

Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) This program is available for bona fide nursing students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are enrolled as full-time students. If sufficient funds are available, undergraduate students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a career in health professions may also be considered. Scholarship awards may cover tuition and required fees, books and supplies, and reasonable living expenses incurred while enrolled in school as a full-time student. Bona fide nursing candidates interested in being considered for the SDS program should contact the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships at 661/654-3016 for additional information.

Special Scholarships. Various organizations make money available to student nurses who are in need of financial assistance. These scholarships usually defray the expenses of books, uniforms, and fees.

Special Scholarships and Awards Administered by the Nursing Department Scholarship Committee.

- I. Procedures
  - A. Students will be given information about the availability of scholarships along with application forms at the beginning of the academic year.
  - B. The Financial Aid Office will be consulted about the present status of the student in regard to grants and/or loans which the student may already be receiving.
  - C. The applications for scholarships are to be kept in the Financial Aid Office and checked out when needed by the Nursing Scholarship Committee.
  - D. Students must apply for specific scholarships and awards on appropriate forms.
  - E. The Scholarship Committee will select the recipients of scholarships and awards based on specified selection criteria.
  - F. The Scholarship Committee will notify students, nursing faculty, and appropriate administrative officials about their selection of recipients.
- II. Criteria for scholarships to be given on the basis of academic excellence.
  - A. Grade point average of 3.0 or better.
  - B. Activities in the University or community which demonstrate leadership ability or an area of special achievement.
- III. Criteria for scholarships to be given on the basis of financial need.
  - A. A report estimate of financial resources less than those needed to allow the student to continue in the nursing program.
  - B. Demonstration of some income from savings from the summer, or a valid reason for no summer income.
  - C. Minimal grade point average of 2.0, or as specified by the individual donor or agency.
  - D. Preference will be given to those students who work part time in order to attend college and who might benefit academically from a decreased work load.
  - E. Students receiving financial aid through grants and/or loans who would benefit financially from the scholarship will be given high priority.
- IV. Sue Fujiki Emergency Fund — Short-term loans are available through the Sue Fujiki Emergency Fund. Students may request information through the Department of Nursing Office.

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD**

**SUE FUJIKI NURSING STUDENTS' EMERGENCY LOAN FUND**

Criteria for use of the loan fund by nursing students:

A. Eligibility:

1. Students must be enrolled in a program in the Department of Nursing.
2. To demonstrate eligibility, students must obtain a referral form, with signature, from a member of the Department of Nursing, Recruitment, Outreach, Scholarship and Awards (ROSA) Committee.

B. Specifications of the loan:

1. The usual limit of the loan will be \$200.00. A student may borrow up to \$300.00 with permission of the ROSA Committee, if sufficient funds are available.
2. No interest will be charged, but there will be a \$5.00 processing fee from the CSUB Foundation Office.
3. The loan must be repaid in two months, with possible extension of up to four months with the permission of the ROSA Committee.
4. Late payment — If repayment is late, student will not be eligible for another loan until 30 days after repayment.
5. Unpaid loans — Students who are more than 30 days overdue in repaying the loan will be contacted by the Foundation Office. If there is no response, or no arrangement for repayment, the Department of Nursing ROSA Committee will be notified for a decision on further action.

To: CSUB Foundation Office

Subject: Sue Fujiki Nursing Student Emergency Loan Fund

This is to verify that \_\_\_\_\_ is enrolled in the \_\_\_\_\_ class in the CSUB Department of Nursing, is eligible for a loan according to the criteria of the loan fund, and has been approved by the ROSA Committee to borrow \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the fund. The student agrees to pay back the loan by \_\_\_\_\_ or seek an extension from the Committee.

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ROSA Committee Chair or Designee (date)

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Student Signature (date)

## **SUPPORT SERVICES/RESOURCES**

A number of support services and resources are available to all students at CSUB. The library provides regular orientation tours to acquaint students with the library services. Students can obtain textbooks and supplies from the Bookstore. The University Cafeteria and Student Union are available for meals and refreshments. The Children's Center provides daycare for children two to five years old.

Counseling services are available to students. In addition, testing services are available for national admissions tests, career, aptitude and personality tests, and English and math placement tests. Special services are available for students with disabilities. The Student Health Services provides on-campus healthcare. A centralized placement service is maintained through the Career Planning and Placement Center. Students needing tutorial assistance can contact the Academic Advancement Center.

### **CALIFORNIA NURSING STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CNSA)**

The California Nursing Student Association (CNSA) is one of the fifty state constituent units of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA). Membership is open to nursing students enrolled in or preparing for Degree, Diploma, and Baccalaureate programs. As a student nurse you are preparing to be one of the future leaders of the nursing profession. CNSA and NSNA are more than just associations to be a member of, for they offer the opportunity to really belong by taking part in the challenging and exciting field of nursing. It will also be a learning experience with an introduction to your future role expectations. Through membership and participation you can develop the skills necessary for leadership and decision making by having the experience of voting, running for office, and participating in activities, plans, and programs. For students entering the nursing field CNSA will offer one of the few opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with other student nurses and to work together to reach common goals.

As with any association the new knowledge and awareness the individual acquires from membership is directly related to the degree of participation within the association. Those students who have accepted the challenge have found that membership has given them a gratifying and valuable experience which has contributed to their individual professional growth.

#### CNSA Philosophy

We, the California Nursing Student Association, believe it is our responsibility to promote the optimum development of the student nurse as a person, as well as a member of our profession. Through stimulation of active interest and participation of nursing students, we strive to achieve the awareness of our pre-professional and professional responsibility. We feel it is our obligation to foster the development of leadership qualities and the individual growth, with the goal being preparation of the student nurse to fulfill his or her professional role.