

THE PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS FOUNDATION

**Kathryn Oliverio Bishirjian Grant Application**

TYPE OF FUND: Endowed Grant

AMOUNT: \$400.00

AWARDED: These grants are awarded annually by the Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation (PANDF) if fiscally feasible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2025

PURPOSE: To provide a grant to a member of the Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics who is an intern preparing to take the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credentialing examination.

CRITERIA AND RESTRICTIONS FOR USE OF THE FUND:

1. Must be a current member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and complete the following criteria:
2. Provide verification of enrollment in a dietetic internship program, and/or master's degree program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which is authorized by the Commission on Dietetic Education.
3. Submit the Kathryn Oliverio Bishirjian Grant application by March 31, 2025, which includes:
  - (a) Name and contact information of institution/program.
  - (b) Name and contact information of director during your enrollment.
  - (c) Application form includes a **150-word essay** of goals, dietetic/nutrition field of interest, reflection on value of the practical experiences provided within the internship/master's program and state how the grant would benefit the applicant to become a registered and licensed dietitian.
  - (d) Agree to return the monies to the Foundation in the event that they do not use the grant to take the registration exam during the current year.
    - (a) The qualified applicant is required to ask the Program Director to complete and submit a letter of enrollment (on organization letterhead) to the Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation ( [PANDFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:PANDFoundation@gmail.com)), electronically by March 31, 2025, indicating that the intern is indeed enrolled in the program and is of good standing. **Please do not write a full letter of recommendation only indicate that the intern is enrolled in the program.**
    - (b) The director should convey and verify to the applicant that their letter of recommendation/endorsement was submitted to the Foundation by the required date.

Selection criteria will be based on:

Resume, personal statement, career goals and potential future contribution to the nutrition and dietetics profession as per the applicant's statement. (100%)

Note: Multiple applications from interns from a single institution is acceptable, however, only one award per institution will be granted.

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#### APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of program: (Check one)

Graduate Program (including Future Education Model Programs)

Coordinated Program

Didactic Program plus Dietetic Internship (stand-alone DI or MS+DI programs are in this category)

Foreign Dietitian Education plus Dietetic Internship

Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director of Program's Name and Contact Information (email and telephone number)  
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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION to [PandFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:PandFoundation@gmail.com) by March 31, 2025.

1. This completed application form.
2. Letter (150 words) consisting of a personal statement and a description of the reason(s) for applying for the grant, including career goals and how you plan to contribute to the dietetics profession.
3. A resume including employment history and volunteer experience.

4. Director's letter of endorsement\* (sent separately to [PandFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:PandFoundation@gmail.com) by March 31, 2025.)
5. Note: The letter of endorsement indicates that the intern is enrolled in the program and is of good standing. Do not send a full letter of recommendation.