

Meet Sonja von Call. . .

Sonja von Call is a graduate student at the University of California- San Francisco, and a recipient of funding from the Advanced Education Nursing (AEN) Traineeship. The funds Sonja received allowed her the opportunity to work less and spend more time with her young daughter, all while pursuing her master's degree in nursing. Sonja is extremely thankful for the funds, which allowed her to pursue her degree without costly loans. She looks forward to giving back to her community in her new career as an Adult Nurse Practitioner.



“It is a great relief to have that much less debt to worry about when I graduate. I hope these funds will continue to be available to other students in the future.”

About the Program

- The Title VIII Nursing Education grants provide a federal focus to the supply and distribution of qualified nurses.
- The Title VIII AEN Traineeships assist graduate students by providing full or partial support for the costs of tuition, books, program fees, and reasonable living expenses.
- These grants help fund the education of future nurse practitioners who provide primary care to thousands of Americans.
- These grants also support the education of future nurse faculty who will prepare the next generation of nurses.
- In FY 2008, the funding supported the graduate education of 7,650 nurses.

The Effect of Funding Cuts. . .

- Our country is facing a critical shortage of primary care providers, such as Nurse Practitioners (NP), which impacts the access, cost, and quality of health care for all Americans. It is imperative that nurses pursuing their graduate degrees be supported so that the crippling national shortage can be reversed.
- Failing to provide adequate Title VIII funding for the AEN Traineeships would impede future NPs from completing their advanced education on time, and diminish their ability to meet America's growing demand for essential health care.
- Additionally, failing to provide funding for the AEN Traineeships limits the ability to prepare the next generation of nurse faculty, and in turn, the ability to educate the next generation of nurses and NPs.



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