

APRN Scholars Program Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the goal of the scholars program? Post-graduate training programs for Advanced Practice Nurses are growing. The intent of the scholars program is to provide a year-long, post-graduate training experience that allows protected learning time, exposure to developmental behavioral pediatric clinics, mental health services, and complex care at various clinical sites in the Chicago area through remote access and scholars will find sites on their own as well. The successful scholar will spend time in didactic as well as clinical work 10- 16 hours per week, 50 weeks, over two days.

Do I need to graduate from my program before I apply for the scholars program? No, you do not. You will need to complete board examination and be eligible and applied for licensure prior to the start date of the scholars program, but you may apply before you complete the program.

What is the start date of the scholars program? The start date is July 9, 2026.

How many scholars are in each cohort? We will accept 8 scholars in this cohort. Is there a cost for the program?

Cost sharing of \$2,000 is required and covers all costs for participating in the program. As applicable, scholars are responsible for their own malpractice insurance. Our goal is to educate more providers to be available to patients and families in the community.

Is this a paid program? No, as an APRN scholar at Almost Home Kids you will not receive any compensation for your participation in the program.

Do you interview candidates for the scholars program? Candidates for interviews will be selected following review of application materials.

Am I required to sign an employment contract if I am accepted into the scholars program? No, we do not require scholars to sign a commitment to work for Almost Home Kids or Lurie Children's following the program.

Where are the sites of care I will be working out of? If you are local you will possibly work out of several sites of care including Almost Home Kids Chicago and Naperville, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital (outpatient clinics), Advocate Children's Hospital, and DuPage Easter Seals.