

This groundbreaking national initiative, launched by RWJF and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), aims to help alleviate the nation's nursing shortage by dramatically expanding the pipeline of students in accelerated nursing programs. The College of St. Scholastica received a grant of \$60,000. **CSS will award \$10,000 scholarships to qualified students beginning the program in May 2010.** Scholarships are competitive with preference being given to students who meet multiple eligibility criteria. Eligibility criteria include: applicant is from a group that is underrepresented in nursing (ethnic or racial minority group, men); applicant is from an economically disadvantaged or educationally disadvantaged background. Applications for the May 2010 cohort will be accepted September 1 – October 30, 2009. Applications for the New Careers in Nursing Scholarship will also be accepted during that time and should be turned in to the Financial Aid Office. Please see the CSS website for application information.