



# NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIP

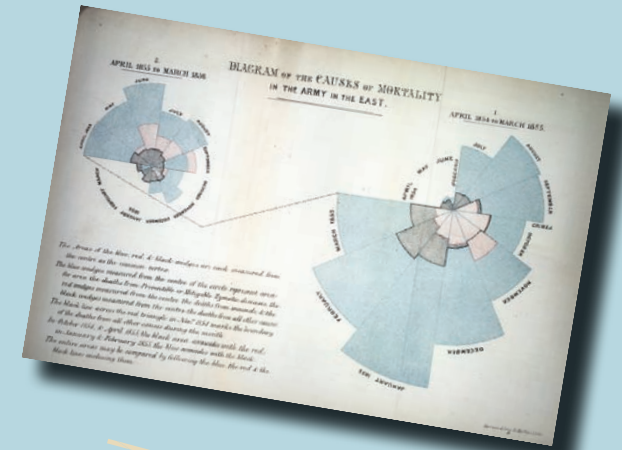
## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Healthcare Division of the American Society for Quality proposes to award one scholarship each year with a monetary value of \$2,000. Each scholarship winner will be announced at a national ASQ annual conference event, typically held in May. Scholarship award monies may be used at the discretion of winners to fund any aspect of their educational program (including, but not limited to, tuition fees, textbook purchases, and participation costs of volunteer field work for which academic credit is granted). This competition is open to any student enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution who is nominated by a member of the Healthcare Division and who is pursuing studies related to healthcare quality. The student need not be an ASQ member at the time of application.

This scholarship is named in honor of Florence Nightingale. She is widely recognized as the initiator of nursing as a profession, but her significant contributions as a pioneer in statistics and epidemiology are not as widely known and appreciated. As a student and later a contemporary of noteworthy statisticians and epidemiologists of her era, Nightingale incorporated rate calculations to promote reforms in hygienic hospital care, developed systematic record keeping to produce more accurate accounts of causes of deaths in hospitals, and established polar-area plotting techniques to reveal important trends.

### Candidates must provide:

1. A business-style cover letter outlining the nature of any related work experience, professional society involvement, current program of study, and their area of interest in healthcare quality and future career plans;
2. One official copy of transcripts documenting current enrollment and level of progress in a post-secondary institution;
3. Three letters of recommendation attesting to their capacity for independent applied research and leadership in their chosen field (one of those letters should come from the sponsoring Healthcare Division member); and
4. An essay of no more than six double-spaced pages (including citations) in 12-point typeface on the topic of "Quality in Healthcare: Reducing Adverse Outcomes, Costs, or Both While Improving Quality of Care" (note that settings in which healthcare is delivered can be interpreted widely to consider primary care, clinics, hospitals, diagnostics centers and laboratories, patient or public health education, etc.).



These four items should be mailed in one envelope, postmarked no later than the last day of January of the current year, to:

Community Development  
Attention: HCD Scholarship Committee  
American Society for Quality  
600 N. Plankinton Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-3005

Copyright of submitted essays remains property of the candidate; however, a condition of scholarship award receipt is that the author agrees to publication in a journal designated by the Healthcare Division (at which time copyright may transfer to that journal).