



Three Rivers Chapter Website <http://community.napnap.org/PATHREERIVERS/Home>

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Kathy Kelly, CRNP

Two important events happened this Spring, one very large the other a smaller size but each equally as important and moving. The first occurred on Lobby day when I had the opportunity to participate with other NP's from around the state to meet with legislators and their representatives regarding the importance of House Bill 1065. At the conclusion of the day the steps of the Capital were filled with Nurse Practitioners in their white coats all who were concerned about the care of their patients and families, all who were concerned about the limitations on their practice. Hearing the stories from the patients and legislators who understand and believe in the role of nurse practitioners was very moving Remember continue to contact legislators and follow the progress of HB 1065 for other opportunities to promote independent practice for all nurse practitioners.

The second event occurred May 2, the celebration of the Twentieth anniversary of establishment of Three Rivers NAPNAP It was a wonderful night full of memories and friendship Those in attendance included some of the founding members of our chapter. Again I was moved by the importance of the role of a nurse practitioner and

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the importance of our colleagues. It will be a night I will not forget. The one thing that has been consistent for twenty years is the wonderful people working to promote our chapter and provide activities for our members. It has been my pleasure to be a part of this group and encourage anyone interested in becoming a part of the process of planning and working with the board to please contact myself or any board members.

I am looking forward to the exciting events scheduled for this year, please keep these important dates in your calendars. Again anyone interested in becoming part of the board please do not hesitate we would love to have you join us. See you in September.

## Community Projects

If anyone knows of a community activity for our chapter please contact one of the board members. We are considering our options for participation. Thank you to all who participated in our "shower" for Jeremiah's Place. The response was amazing Again this year we had representatives who participated in Jeremiah's Place walk in North Park

Two of our members placed first in completion time for their age group:

Congratulations  
Brenda Cassidy and  
Carol Byers!



## ACT 31 of 2014: Child Abuse CE Requirements

The Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) in conjunction with the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) is providing advance notice to all licensed health-related professionals and funeral directors who are considered “mandatory reporters” under section 6311 of the Child Protective Services Law that effective January 1, 2015 all persons applying for an initial license shall be required to complete three hours of DPW-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure. Additionally, effective with the first license renewal

after January 1, 2015 all health-related licensees and funeral directors applying for renewal of a license issued by the Board shall be required to complete at least two hours of DPA-approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements as a condition of licensure renewal. More information regarding this requirement will be posted on the BPOA website as it becomes available.

Act 31 may be viewed at the following link:

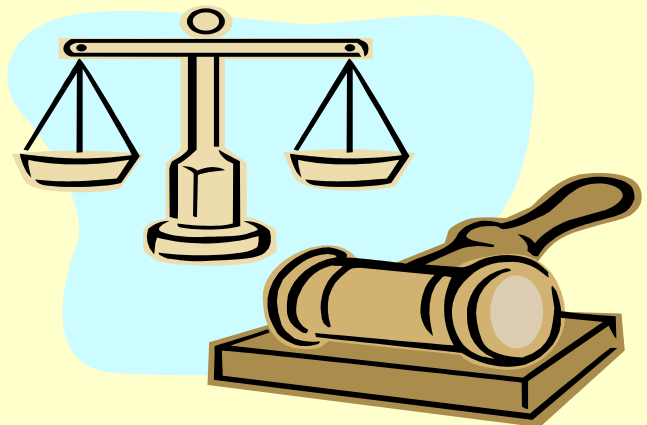
<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2014&sessInd=0&smthLWInd=0&act=31>

## Legislative Updates

By Brenda Cassidy, DNP, CPNP-PC

As most of you know, SB 1063 is in the Pennsylvania Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners is lobbying to get this bill out of committee for fall to vote on full practice authority for NP's in Pa. During the summer, legislators are in their home districts and this is a great opportunity to visit your legislator to encourage support of this bill when the fall session begins. SB 1063 is sponsored by Senator Pat Vance and is currently supported by 25 co-sponsors and several committee members. There is a need for at least one more co-sponsor and 4 more committee members to support SB1063 to get it to the floor for a vote in the fall so please visit [www.pacnp.org](http://www.pacnp.org) for a list of current cosponsors and committee members to see if your legislator is on board with this bill.

On a national level, the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act, HR 2504 and S1332, sponsored by Senator Allyson Schwartz continues to need support for federal legislation to allow NP's to order home health services, so don't forget to discuss this issue with your legislators and



senators as well. The national NAPNAP website's health policy tab has been changed and updated. The Advocacy Center link is more user friendly and includes key federal issues and a state action center. There is a tab for advocacy resources and a link to a state-level policy mentor program to assist with state level HP essentials that promote child health policies at the state level. You can subscribe to the advocacy list in the advocacy center to receive email or to be identified as a PNP, child health expert for your legislators to call on when there is a bill to review regarding NP scope of practice or child health policies.

Please see *Legislative Updates* on page 3

*(Legislative Updates* from page 2)

According to the Health Policy committee, there is a current focus on congressional approval of budget that includes appropriation of funds for the CHIP program and Title VIII funding for nursing

*The national NAPNAP website's health policy tab has been changed and updated.*

education programs. There was a slight increase in funding for Title VIII but not as much as NAPNAP hoped for, Maternal Child Health block grant appropriations were generous and other appropriations went to labor & education and supplemental nutrition programs. The NP community continues to battle Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with public

comments about provider language that needs to include NP's to prescribe Durable Medical Equipment (DME).

NAPNAP's 2014 Health Policy agenda is posted on the website and includes goals supporting access to care, integrated mental health services, obesity prevention, injury prevention and harm reduction, pediatric health indicators.

The Child Health Learning Collaborative conference call occurs on the 1st Wednesday of every month and is open to all members. Please take an opportunity to listen in to some calls to learn more about this collaborative. If you are interested, our Three Rivers Chapter needs a representative to participate in this collaborative and you can contact Brenda Cassidy to learn more about it at [cassb@pitt.edu](mailto:cassb@pitt.edu).

## 2013–2014 Three Rivers NAPNAP Grant Awards

Congratulations to Heather Margonari, BSN and Brenda Cassidy, DNP, CPNP-PC. Each of these members has received a Three Rivers NAPNAP Grant award!

Heather is a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) student and has been awarded a scholarly grant for her current role as a DNP student. This grant was designed to be awarded to a DNP student participating in research activities that will benefit pediatric patients and their families. Heather's research for her capstone project is "Implementing an Evidence-Based Pain Assessment Guideline within a Pediatric Transitional Hospital" Pain assessment and is the foundation for all pain treatment. We look forward to hearing more about Heather's research in the coming months.

Brenda is a nurse practitioner (NP) and has been awarded The Community Leadership and Service Grant. This grant recognizes an NP who utilizes leadership skills to enhance the health

care of children and adolescents through significant contributions in the community, a school or direct patient care.



Brenda's project includes "Understanding Factors that Impact Nurse Practitioner Recommendation of the HPV Vaccine". Recommendation by a health care provider promotes client uptake and completion of the three injection series of the vaccine, but little is known about NP practices in the Pittsburgh area. Congratulations to both recipients of the 2013–2014 Three Rivers NAPNAP Grant awards!

## USPSTF 2014 Guide to Clinical Preventive Services

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has released the 2014 Guide to Clinical Preventive Services, an authoritative source that can help primary care clinicians and patients decide together which preventive services are right for a

patient's needs. View, download or order a printed version of the guide at:

<http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/clinicians-providers/guidelines-recommendations/guide/>.

## 2014 Annual Winter Symposium A Success!

Friday, February 7, 2014 was the date of our annual winter symposium and this year's, kickoff for the Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held at Robert Morris University. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great day.

Our symposium continues to grow with 102 people in attendance which included paid registrants, student volunteers and speakers. Four nurse practitioners, one physician and two youth drug counselors provided very informative presentations. Sherill Rudy, CRNP spoke about the new findings and implications for infant skin care, Katy Sorkin, CRNP discussed precocious puberty, Kathy Godfrey, DNP updated us on follow up care for the premature infant in primary care and Denise Ramponi, DNP presented minor office procedures. Family planning for the adolescent and young adult was presented by Dr. Jonathan Pletcher. Elaine Surma and Debra Kehoe presented an enlightening talk about the current

youth drug trends. Lunch was supplemented with a "bonus" CE and well received presentation from Lorraine Bock, CRNP, President of PCNP,



addressing Senate Bill 1063: Full Practice Authority for Nurse Practitioners in the state of Pennsylvania. Wine, beer, other beverages and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed after the symposium at the networking hour. Lots of laughter could be heard while colleagues caught up.

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered. You helped make this symposium "one of the best". Many thanks also go out to supporting vendors and schools of nursing: Robert Morris, University of Pittsburgh, Carlow University, Duquesne University, D-Drops, Merck, Sanofi-Pasteur and Mead Johnson.

Mark your calendars for our next winter symposium to be held on Friday February 6, 2015 at Robert Morris University. We will hold a vote to possibly change the symposium to the fall in 2016. (See additional photos page 10).





SAVE the DATE!

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2014

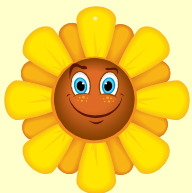
Three Rivers Chapter NAPNAP  
Asthma Update  
with Dr. Shean Aujla



More details to follow in the near future!



Did you know that when you make an Amazon purchase you can go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select Jeremiah's Place as your charity and a small portion of the proceeds from what you are purchasing supports Jeremiah's Place?



Did you know that the United Way Contribution Number for Jeremiah's Place is **10977494**? Please consider making a donation today!



## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

By Kathy Kelly, CRNP

May 2, 2014 was a lovely evening of good food, good friends and fun. That was the evening of our celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the establishment of Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP. The celebration took place at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, where 25 or so members shared their memories and friendship. One of the original members of our board, Marian Hershman a now retired school nurse came to reminisce. There were also past presidents and board

members all excitedly remember the "old days" and catching up with current news. The speaker Patsy Stinchfield was inspiring as she talked of her work to promote immunizations in her state. She added a wonderful personal touch to the evening. There was a lovely summer coach purse and thanks to Ginny Allison it was given to Bridgette Devlin. There was so much feeling and love in the room that no one wanted the evening to end.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Three Rivers NAPNAP  
1st Annual Fall Education Event**  
September 17, 2014  
at the University of Pittsburgh  
**Dr. Alyson Larkin** presents  
"Food Allergies"

<http://community.napnap.org/pathreerivers/calendar>

**Pediatric Nursing Conference**  
**Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC**  
Date: September 19<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Location: Pittsburgh, PA

<http://www.chp.edu/CHP/pediatric+nursing+conference>



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women and Infants Healthcare  
Conference**

October 17, 2104

At Magee Womens Hospital of UPMC

<https://classes.upmc.com>

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
Clinical and Research Meeting  
*2014 • Philadelphia*  
NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC AND ADOLESCENT GYNECOLOGY



### Save the Dates

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical and Research Meeting**  
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress  
Orlando, FL  
April 16-18, 2015

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical and Research Meeting**  
Fairmont Royal York  
Toronto, Canada  
April 7-9, 2016

[www.naspag.org](http://www.naspag.org)

**Three Rivers NAPNAP  
Education Event**

November 5, 2014

at the University of Pittsburgh

**Dr. Shean Aujla** presents

"Asthma Update"

<http://community.napnap.org/pathreerivers/calendar>

**PA Coalition of Nurse Practitioners  
Annual Conference**

Pittsburgh, PA

November 6-8, 2014

<http://www.pacnp.org>

**Three Rivers NAPNAP  
Annual Winter Symposium**

February 6, 2015

at Robert Morris University

<http://community.napnap.org/pathreerivers/calendar>

## Introducing Solid Foods

By Virginia Li - Pathways.org

Parents often rely on their child's healthcare provider for information and support regarding infant feeding practices and nutrition. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends introducing solid food to an infant's diet around 6 months of age.<sup>1</sup> However, the results of a 2013 survey, which included 1,334 new mothers, indicated that 40 percent of respondents introduced solid foods to their infants much earlier – prior to 4 months of age.<sup>2</sup> Given the short-term and long-term risks associated with early solid food introduction, it is essential for healthcare providers to give clear and accurate feeding recommendations at early well-child visits.

Every infant develops at his or her own pace and parents should be instructed to watch for the following signs of solid food readiness near 6 months of age:<sup>3</sup>

- Able to hold his or her head up when sitting
- Opens mouth when food approaches
- Able to move food from a spoon or fork into throat



Infants can start their transition to solid food with thinly pureed fruits and vegetables, such as bananas, peaches, and squash, as well as single-grain cereals mixed with breast milk or formula. Particular foods should be avoided for the first year, including honey, cow's milk, salt, and artificial sweeteners. Honey contains spores that can cause infant botulism, and infants' digestive systems cannot process the protein present in cow's milk.<sup>4</sup>

Parents may be tempted to start solid foods early if their infant seems particularly fussy or hungry. They may also follow the common misconception that consuming solid foods before bedtime helps an infant sleep through the night; research shows that there is no evidence to support this claim.<sup>5</sup> Healthcare providers can encourage a healthy transition to solid food by communicating the risks associated with starting too soon. Introducing solid food too early may:

- Cause an infant to choke – in their first few months, infants cannot hold their heads up in a sitting position and have not yet developed the coordination needed to swallow food

Please see *Introducing Solid Food* page 8

## References:

*(Introducing Solid Food* from page 7)

- Result in stomach aches, gas, and constipation– an infant’s digestive tract is not prepared to process solid foods until closer to 6 months of age
- Replace breast milk or formula with food that may not meet an infant’s nutritional needs – breast milk or formula should remain an integral part of an infant’s diet until the first birthday
- Increase the risk of obesity and diabetes<sup>6,7</sup>

Founded in 1985, Pathways.org empowers parents and health professionals with free educational resources on the benefit of early detection and early intervention for children’s motor, sensory, and communication development. For more information, visit [www.pathways.org](http://www.pathways.org) or email [friends@pathways.org](mailto:friends@pathways.org). Pathways.org is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

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[4] Shelov S, Altmann TR. Caring for Your Baby and Young Child: Birth to Age 5. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. New York, NY: Bantam Books; 2009.

[5] Macknin ML, Medendorp SV, Maier MC. Infant sleep and bedtime cereal. *American journal of diseases of children*. 1989; 143(9): 1066–1068.

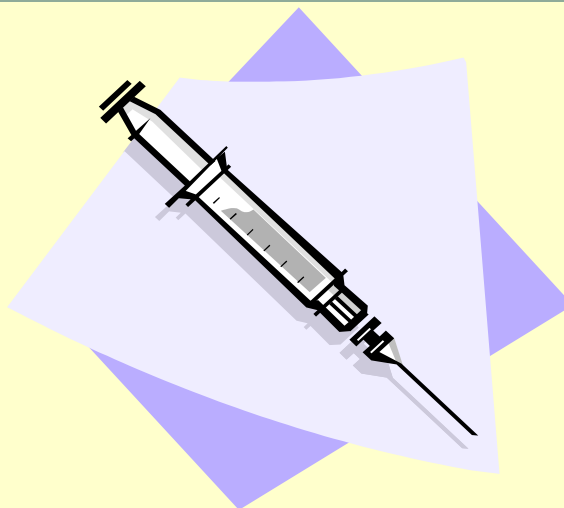
[6] Huh et al. Timing of solid food introduction and risk of obesity in preschool-aged children. *Pediatrics*. 2011; 127(3): 544–551.

[7] Frederiksen et al. Infant exposures and development of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus. *JAMA Pediatrics*. 2013; 167(9): 808–815.

## Revised Synagis Eligibility Guidelines Fall 2014

*(American Academy of Pediatrics)*

On July 28, 2014, The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released updated guidance for palivizumab (trade name Synagis) prophylaxis among infants and young children at increased risk of hospitalization for RSV infection. Palivizumab was licensed in June 1998 by the Food and Drug Administration for the reduction of serious lower respiratory tract infection caused by respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in children at increased risk of severe disease. Since that time, the American Academy of Pediatrics has updated its guidance for the use of palivizumab 4 times as additional data became available to provide a better understanding of infants and young children at greatest risk of hospitalization attributable to RSV infection. The



updated recommendations reflect new information regarding the seasonality of RSV circulation, palivizumab pharmacokinetics, the changing incidence of bronchiolitis hospitalizations, the

(Revised Synagis Eligibility Guidelines Fall 2014 from page 8)

effect of gestational age and other risk factors on RSV hospitalization rates, the mortality of children hospitalized with RSV infection, the effect of prophylaxis on wheezing, and palivizumab-resistant RSV isolates. Updated guidelines recommend that palivizumab use be restricted to the following groups:

(1) infants born before 29 weeks 0 days without chronic lung disease (CLD) or congenital heart disease (CHD) who are younger than 12 months at the start of RSV season

(2) prophylaxis for infants with CLD may be considered during the RSV season during the first year of life for preterm infants who develop CLD of prematurity defined as gestational age <32 weeks, 0 days and a requirement for >21% oxygen for at least the first 28 days after birth. For infants with CLD who do not continue to require medical support in the second year of life prophylaxis is not recommended.

(3) Certain children who are 12 months or younger with hemodynamically significant CHD may benefit from palivizumab prophylaxis. Children with hemodynamically significant CHD who are most likely to benefit from immunoprophylaxis include infants with acyanotic heart disease who are receiving medication to

control congestive heart failure and will require cardiac surgical procedures and infants with moderate to severe pulmonary hypertension. These defects do NOT include secundum atrial septal defects, small ventricular septal defects, pulmonic stenosis, uncomplicated aortic stenosis, mild coarctation of the aorta, and patent ductus arteriosus.

In addition, because 5 monthly doses of palivizumab at 15 mg/kg per dose will provide more than 6 months (>24 weeks) of serum palivizumab concentrations above the desired level for most children, administration of more than 5 monthly doses is not recommended within the continental United States.

#### Reference:

Updated Guidance for Palivizumab Prophylaxis Among Infants and Young Children at Increased Risk of Hospitalization for Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infection *Pediatrics* Vol. 134 No. 2 August 1, 2014 pp. 415–420 (doi: 10.1542/peds.2014-1665)

For additional information, refer to

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/134/2/415.full>

## Education in Quality Improvement for Pediatric Practice (EQIPP)

(American Academy of Pediatrics)

Deliver high quality care to every child in your practice and improve office efficiency using basic improvement methods and practical strategies and tools proven to get results. Education in Quality Improvement for Pediatric Practice (EQIPP), a unique online learning program developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) weaves improvement principles and concepts with pediatric-specific clinical content. EQIPP provides the information, tools and guidance needed to make systematic and continuous practice improvements on such topics as asthma,

immunizations, GERD, Bright Futures, newborn screening, tobacco control and others. Using built-in online tools, EQIPP enables you to collect, analyze, and measure data over time and make small, rapid cycles of change. Successful changes proven to improve office efficiency and patient care can then be implemented into practice. This and additional information about EQIPP can be found on the AAP website <http://eqipp.aap.org/home/home>



## **Continuing Education Program!**

Sponsored by Three Rivers NAPNAP



**Allergy Update by Alyson Larkin, MD**

**Wednesday September 17, 2014**

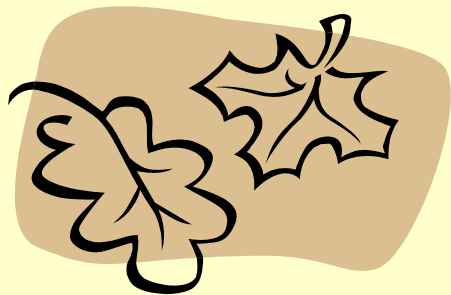
**6:30-8:00 pm**

FOOD and DRINKS Provided

At the Victoria Building 3500 Victoria St

University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing.

Multipurpose room, Room 260 inside ETI Department, Room 219 on 2nd floor  
of Victoria Bldg.



( 2014 Annual Winter Symposium photos from page 4)



# **2013- 2014 Scholarly Grant**

*Sponsored by*  
***Three Rivers Chapter of the National  
Association of Pediatric Nurse  
Practitioners (NAPNAP)***

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## **\$500 Grant**

*And*

## **Free Registration to the 2014 Three Rivers NAPNAP Annual Symposium**

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*Deadline for application is November 30, 2014*

# 2014- 2015 Scholarly Grant

*Sponsored by*  
**Three Rivers Chapter of the National  
Association of Pediatric Nurse  
Practitioners (NAPNAP)**

## **Purpose**

The Three Rivers Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) encourages registered nurses or nurse practitioners who are enrolled in a Doctorate of Nursing (DNP) program to search for evidence that can improve the health of children and adolescents. Implementing evidence-based projects that improve patient outcomes in pediatric patients can contribute to far-reaching benefits for children and adolescents.

**Requirements:** Grant applications must meet the following criteria:

1. Documented acceptance in an approved neonatal, pediatric or family nurse practitioner program.
2. Letter of recommendation must be completed and signed by the capstone committee chair of the applicant.
3. Letter of recommendation must be completed and signed by NP program coordinator documenting enrollment in NP program.
4. Completed application and all attachments must be received by **November 30, 2014**  
2 copies, 1 without name for blinded review, should be submitted to Brenda, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, [legislative chair, cassb@pitt.edu](mailto:legislative_chair_cassb@pitt.edu).
5. Preference will be given to a Three Rivers NAPNAP student member.

**Application Process:** Provide 2 copies of each of the following supporting documents with application (one copy without name or identifying information for blind review):

1. A summary statement of no more than 100 words prepared by the applicant that addresses each of the following:
  - (1) Why you chose this topic for capstone project
  - (2) How you see the outcomes of the project contributing to the health of children and adolescents.

2. Abstract (500 words) of capstone project including: literature review for evidence-base, significance, aims of project, population and clinical practice site, implementation and measurement of patient outcomes.
3. Documentation of any previous work done in area of capstone project.
4. Budget describing intended use of funds.
5. Curriculum Vitae or Resume
6. One letter of reference that address your potential as a professional leader as a pediatric or family nurse practitioner.

### **Selection Process**

1. Executive Board will perform a blind review of applications and supporting documentation and make recommendation to board for a vote.
2. The grant recipient, determined by the Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP board, will be notified within 1 month of the application deadline.
3. The \$500 grant will be awarded in January 2015.
4. The recipient will be formally recognized at the Annual Symposium in February 2015.

### **Basis of Award**

The Three Rivers NAPNAP Scholarly Grant is awarded without regard to race, gender, religion, age, or national origin. The Three Rivers Chapter Executive Board will give consideration to the following factors when judging applicants for the scholarship award:

1. Scholarly presentation of evidence-based project.
2. Potential for contribution to the health of pediatric patients.
3. Completeness and accuracy of information on application.
4. Membership in Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP or other or local advanced practice nursing organization.

Completed application package must be received by November 30, 2014.  
Applications should be sent to (Scholarly Grant should appear in subject of email):

**Brenda Cassidy, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC**  
[cassb@pitt.edu](mailto:cassb@pitt.edu)

## 2014-2015 Three Rivers NAPNAP Scholarly Grant Application

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

**Home address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RN state license # :** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Attach copy of license)**

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Provide Name/Address of current PNP or FNP program. Attach letter of recommendation from program coordinator:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Length of Program:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the information provided in the above application is accurate.*

**Signature of applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# 2014- 2015 Leadership Scholarship

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Association of Pediatric Nurse  
Practitioners (NAPNAP)*

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## \$500 Scholarship

*And*

## Free Registration to the 2015 Three Rivers NAPNAP Annual Symposium

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*Deadline for application is November 30, 2014*

# 2014- 2015 Leadership Scholarship

*Sponsored by  
Three Rivers Chapter of the National  
Association of Pediatric Nurse  
Practitioners (NAPNAP)*

## Purpose

The Three Rivers Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) encourages registered nurses enrolled in graduate level nursing education to begin their involvement in local and national professional organizations in a student leadership capacity.

## Requirements:

Scholarship applications must meet the following criteria:

1. Documented acceptance in an approved neonatal, pediatric or family nurse practitioner program.
2. Letter of recommendation must be completed and signed by the faculty coordinator or one of student's professors/mentor of the program.
3. Summary statement of rationale for seeking nurse practitioner education and future professional plans.
4. Documentation of any previous leadership experiences and plans for future leadership roles.
5. Completed application and all attachments must be postmarked by **November 30, 2014** and emailed to Brenda Cassidy, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, legislative chair, [cassb@pitt.edu](mailto:cassb@pitt.edu)
6. Preference will be given to a Three Rivers NAPNAP student member.

**Application Process:** Students must submit the completed application form with required attachments by deadline. Provide 2 copies of each of the above supporting documents with application (one copy without name or identifying information for blind review). The \$500 scholarship will be awarded in January 2015. The scholarship recipient will be determined by the Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP Board and notify recipient of award within one month of the application deadline. The recipient will be formally recognized at the Annual Symposium in February 2015.

### **Selection Process**

Provide the following to the materials to the Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP Scholarship Committee:

1. Completed application packet with all attachments
2. A summary statement of no more than 300 words prepared by the applicant that addresses each of the following:
  - (1) Why you decided to become a PNP or FNP
  - (2) Your unique contribution to the role of nurse practitioner
  - (3) How you see yourself contributing to your profession in a leadership capacity and your plans for involvement in the Three Rivers NAPNAP Chapter in a leadership capacity while a student.
3. Submission of current Curriculum Vitae or Resume
4. One letter of reference that address your potential as a professional leader as a pediatric or family nurse practitioner.
5. Executive Board will perform a blind review of applications and supporting documentation and make recommendation to board for a vote.

### **Basis of Award**

The Three Rivers NAPNAP Leadership Scholarship is awarded without regard to race, gender, religion, age, or national origin. The Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP Scholarship Committee will give consideration to the following factors when judging applicants for the scholarship award:

1. Potential for contribution to nurse practitioner in pediatric practice in a leadership role.
2. Participation in student, professional, and community activities.
3. Completeness and accuracy of information on application.
4. Membership in Three Rivers Chapter of NAPNAP or other or local advanced practice nursing organization.

Completed application package must be received by November 30, 2014. Applications should be sent to (Leadership Scholarship should appear in subject of email):

**Brenda Cassidy, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC**  
[cassb@pitt.edu](mailto:cassb@pitt.edu)

## 2014-2015 Three Rivers NAPNAP Leadership Scholarship Application

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

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

RN state license # : \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach copy of license)

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

List all school and professional organizations memberships and activities. Include years of participation, and all offices or positions of leadership you have held/honors awarded:

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List involvement in all community organizations and activities:

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Provide Name/Address of current PNP or FNP program. Attach letter of recommendation from program coordinator:

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Length of Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the information provided in the above application is accurate.*

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Social Media

**Website Address** for Three Rivers NAPNAP:  
<http://community.napnap.org/PATHREERIVERS/Home> Please send any information that you would like posted to the email address on the website

**Facebook** : Please like us on the Three Rivers Facebook page. Please send any information that you would like posted to the email address on our website.

## Three Rivers NAPNAP Board and Committee Members

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