



November 1, 2011

Dear

Thank you for applying for the Inez Tenzer Memorial Scholarship for 2011. We are delighted you are enrolled in a BSN program. As you may know, the Institute of Medicine released a groundbreaking report last year, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*. One of the eight recommendations from that report is to increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80 percent by 2020. You are moving us toward that goal.

Unfortunately, you do not meet all of the qualifications for the scholarship, as posted on our website. RN applicants enrolled in a BSN program must be members of ORNCC to qualify for this scholarship.

Normally, the scholarship recipient would have been chosen by October 1, 2011. However, since we had no qualified applicants this year, we withheld notification until after our ORNCC meeting on October 15, 2011. After discussion at this meeting, it was decided that we would offer you a complimentary membership in ORNCC for the calendar year 2012. We encourage you to reapply for this scholarship in 2012, and with this membership you will qualify.

We have included a brochure about ORNCC in order to provide you more information about our organization. We also encourage you to visit our website, www.orncc.org, for more history and information.

According to your application, you are not currently a member of any professional nursing organization. Although this is not a requirement (other than membership in ORNCC), we strongly encourage you to consider membership in another professional organization such as AORN or ANA\C.

Thank you again for applying for the Inez Tenzer Memorial Scholarship, and we hope to see your application again next year.

Warm regards,

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