

CNSA Awards and Scholarships Grading Rubric 2026

General Award Applications

Section	0 points	1 point	2 points
Answers all required fields	Multiple answers missing	Some answers missing	All required fields answered
Content	Does not address the questions adequately	Somewhat addresses the questions adequately	Answers all questions thoroughly and accurately
Grammar/Spelling	Several grammar or spelling errors	A few grammar or spelling errors	No grammar or spelling errors
Creativity	Generic response with vague concept	General but clear concept	Original ideas authentically portrayed in a clear manor

Scholarship Essay

Section	0 points	1 point	2 points
Content	Does not address desired prompts	Partially addresses desired prompts	Fully addresses desired prompts
Grammar/Spelling	Several grammar or spelling errors	A few grammar or spelling errors	No grammar or spelling errors
Creativity	Generic response, or vague concept	General but clear concept	Original ideas authentically portrayed in a clear manner
Organization	Little or no organization to essay	Loose organization present but missing transitions or connections between ideas	Organization clear and logical to support writers ideas. Effective beginning, middle, and conclusion.
Font/Margins/Length of Essay	Not in size 12 font, double spaced, or 1 inch margins, under minimum word count	Some components correct, but not all	Size 12 font, double spaced, 1 inch margins, meets word count criteria

Nurse Brain Award

Section	0 points	1 point	2 points
Design	Unprofessional and not creative	Missing either professionalism or creativity	Professional and creative look
User Friendly	Disorganized and difficult to find content areas, and/or not easily printed on 1-2 pages.	Somewhat organized but difficult to navigate	Organized in a way that follows typical workflow for specialty, and easy to navigate, and easily printable on 1-2 pages.
Content	Does not address the handoff report needs	Addresses some handoff report needs	Addresses handoff report needs
Grammar/Spelling	Several grammar or spelling errors	A few grammar or spelling errors	No grammar or spelling errors