



The Reproductive Justice Fellowship for Future Nurse Leaders

2026 Application Guide

Program Overview: The Reproductive Justice Fellowship for Future Nurse Leaders fuels nursing students to leverage their power and become leaders in sexual and reproductive health (SRH), reproductive rights (RR) and Reproductive Justice (RJ). This program is central to our mission of building a community of nurses who are social change agents in sexual and reproductive health. At NSRH we believe that all people should have access to comprehensive healthcare, so we are working hard to create an active and engaged community that is reflective of the diverse communities that nurses serve. As such, priority will be given to applicants who have experience working with these communities and a demonstrated commitment to RJ values.

We believe that through intentional support of nursing students, we can shift the power structure of nursing and transform healthcare to not only include, but celebrate sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice.

Eligibility Requirements: The Fellowship cohort will be comprised of **currently enrolled nursing students** who:

- Have an interest in developing themselves as nurse leaders in sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice
- Have experience working with communities that have been historically underrepresented or underserved in health systems
- Demonstrated commitment to RJ values
- Additional considerations given to applicants who:
 - Attend an ADN or LPN program, and/or
 - Attend a University or program in an underrepresented region

NSRH is committed to cultivating a dynamic community of nurse leaders where everyone feels included, valued, and respected. We encourage applications from candidates of all backgrounds, including women, people of color, LGBTQI+ individuals, and people with disabilities. We welcome students who attend an HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), HSI (Hispanic Serving Institutions), or TCU (Tribal Colleges and Universities) to apply.

This Fellowship is fully remote; fellows can be located anywhere in the U.S.

Fellowship Timeline:

- **Application Launch:** May 15, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** June 26, 2026
 - Rolling interviews in June & July
- **Program Launch:** August 2026
- **Fellowship:** August 2026 - January 2027

Fellowship Structure:

Each **month** fellows will:

- Complete **assigned education** on the [NSRH Online Institute](#)
- Meet once **1:1 with assigned mentor**
- Attend monthly **Fellowship seminars**

Over the course of the Fellowship, fellows will:

- Complete an independent **Applied Practice Project** and present on project at the end of the Fellowship (see below for details).

Time Commitment: Selected candidates must commit an average of 3 hours/week of independent study and project development.

Compensation: Selected candidates will receive \$1000 in compensation and \$300 for their project fund.

Apply by submitting [this form](#).

Nurse Leaders Applied Practice Project

In addition to the regular study and action, fellows will complete a **Nurse Leaders Applied Practice Project** which they will work on throughout the course of their fellowship. The goal of this project is to help students achieve their personal and professional goals while advancing SRH, RJ, and RR in their community. Fellows will have the support of NSRH staff and their Advisory Council Mentor to complete the project.

Fellows will choose from the following options for their applied practice project:

➤ **Start an NSRH Student Chapter on your campus**

Interested in leading advocacy efforts on your campus? Start an NSRH Student Chapter and host a campus event on an SRH topic of your choosing.

➤ **Create a product with NSRH National (co-hosting a podcast or educational webinar, writing a blog post, or creating an IG informational slider for our website)**

Interested in digital advocacy? Partner with NSRH to create an SRH focused communications project! Research an SRH topic of interest to you, and co-create a blog post, op-ed, informational slider/graphic for social media, a podcast interview, or webinar with NSRH staff!

➤ **Lead an education event or workshop in partnership with an organization in your community or professional network.**

Interested in engaging meaningfully with your community? Leverage your existing ties to community organizations or clinics, to partner on a project of your choosing.

Please note: this project type must be approved by NSRH staff within the first month of the Fellowship. Students interested in this project type should build on existing connections to ensure project completion by the end of the Fellowship.

➤ **Attend an external conference or training with one of our SRH partners.**

Interested in engaging with the SRH advocacy sector? Attend a conference or complete a professional training of your choosing. Reflect on your experience and report back (through a blog post, op-ed, or brief presentation).

Examples of Conferences:

- [Reproductive Justice Conference](#) with [Black Women for Wellness](#) scheduled for August 13, 2026 in Los Angeles, CA
- [National LGBTQ Health Conference: Bridging Research & Practice](#) scheduled for August 19-20, 2026 in Chicago, IL
- [GLMA's 44th Annual Conference on LGBTQ+ Health](#) scheduled for September 17-19, 2025 in Seattle, WA

- [29th Annual Women's Healthcare Conference](#) with [The National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health](#) scheduled for September 23-25 in Richmond, VA
- [Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting](#) scheduled for October 17-19, 2026 in San Francisco, CA
- [2026 Conference on Family Planning Navigating Healthcare Deserts: Collaboration, Innovation, and Sustainability](#) with [Medical Studies for Choice](#) scheduled for December 5-6, 2026 in Baltimore, MD

Examples of Trainings:

- Local or national doula certificate programs
- Local abortion escort training programs
- Independent study using [ReproAction Resource Hub](#) or [Clinical Training Center for Sexual and Reproductive Health Resource Library](#)
- [SisterSong RJ Training and Leadership Development](#) program
- [Birthing Advocacy Doula Trainings](#)
- [National Black Doula Association Trainings](#)
- [Training in Early Abortion for Comprehensive Care](#)

Please note, these conferences and trainings are examples for your reference. Selected applicants will work in partnership with NSRH Staff to find a conference or training session that is both local and topically relevant to you!

All fellows will present their applied practice project at our annual graduation event.

Questions? Please contact programs@nsrh.org with the subject line "2026 RJ Fellowship Application."