

# Our Mission

**BHSNAA1 is committed to maintain a strong alumni network, excellence in nursing care, education, and service to our communities. This corporation is devoted to charitable, educational, and scientific purposes including:**

- Enhancing the nursing profession by supporting the high standards of education, dedication, and performance
- Encouraging education and learning by providing scholarships for nursing education, sponsoring lectures and programs for our members
- Promoting mutual benefit and loyalty among the members by virtue of their association together
- Receiving donations and bequests to be used for our corporate purposes
- Assisting in the betterment of the functions and services of Bridgeport Hospital



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# Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association I

*Organized in 1897  
Incorporated in 1906*





# Benefits of Membership



**Professional Affiliation & Networking**



**Scholarships**



**New Education Fund**

Started October 2019, BHSNAA1 contributes on an annual basis funds to the Bridgeport Hospital Foundation Nursing Education Fund to recognize and support nurses at Bridgeport Hospital; two awards are given during Nurse's week: Nursing Excellence and the Alumni Award. Funds are available for educational activities such as conferences, seminars, and specialty nursing certification requirements. We also fund educational programs to honor and recognize nursing members who desire to foster their intellectual development.

# Business Aspects of Membership

**Fiscal Year:** January 1 - December 31

**Voting Body (consists of)**

- Board of Directors
- Association Members in attendance at the annual meeting in April

**Annual BHSNAA1 Spring Banquet** is arranged by the Vice President and Board of Directors. A guest speaker presents a relevant medical /health topic. The membership is asked to suggest topics of interest so that the needs of members are addressed and presented. An Annual Business Meeting also takes place to update the membership in attendance regarding the activities of the corporation.

**Annual Newsletter** is mailed to Association Membership detailing the corporation's charitable, educational, and business purposes.

# Membership and Structure

## Regular Members

Complete the Associations application process and with submission pay initial membership fee of \$10.00 and each renewal annually.

## Life Members

Members for 50 consecutive years no longer have to pay annual membership fee.

## Membership Committee

Sends applications and bylaws to BHSN graduates interested in joining, as well as develop other ways to increase Association membership.

## Scholarship Committee

Investigates and presents Association Directors with all completed Alumni Member applications for a Scholarship. These are current members who are pursuing a BSN, MSN, or Doctorate Degree in Nursing and meet the established guidelines as stated on the application form. The award amount is based on the alumni need and annual financial status of the Association.



In 2019 a scholarship of **\$4,000** was awarded to several approved applicants

