

National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association
**Pelagie “Mike” C. Snesrud Nursing
Student Scholarship Application**



Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Tribal Membership: _____

School Information

Nursing School/Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Academic Advisor Name/Email: _____

Academic Enrollment Status: _____

Part or Full Time **Expected Date of Completion** **Level of Preparation: (Circle)**

_____ _____ **ADN BSN MASTERS DOCTORAL**

Area of Nursing Interest: _____

What professional, community, and/or cultural service are you involved in? *(Add additional page if needed)*

Explain how NANAINA assistance will help further your education? *(Add additional page if needed)*

What is your goal(s) or plan for professional work with American Indian/Alaska Native people/Communities? *(Add additional page if needed)*

Please attach the following documents:

- Proof of Enrollment in a Federally/State recognized tribe (IE. CIB)**
- Letter of Support from an Academic Advisor**
- Copy of most recent transcripts**
- Current NANAINA membership status**

Send completed application and documents to nanainainfo@nanaina.org by deadline provided.

NANAINA Committee Review For Office Use Only

1. Meets all criteria YES NO
2. Total points received _____
3. Reviewer Initials _____

Pelagie “Mike” C. Snesrud

(August 1951–March 2021)

Pelagie “Mike” Carrie Snesrud (Winona State University, BSN in 1974) was a devoted Native nurse, leader, mentor, and advocate. Of Dakota Sioux and Ho-Chunk descent, she began her career in Minnesota and advanced public health and acute care services in Kansas, where she worked at Haskell and championed Native nursing education as a clinical instructor and advisor. She returned to serve the Fond du Lac Band’s public health program, driven by a lifelong commitment to improving American Indian health.

Mike co-founded the National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association (NANAINA) in 1992 and served as its first president 1993, remaining an active officer and advocate throughout her life. She chaired the Indian Health Service National Council of Nurse Administrators (NCONA), represented tribal public health nurses on the National Council of Nurses (NCON), and served as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Senior Tribal Liaison for Policy and Evaluation, and as the project officer of a Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) cooperative agreement with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) .

A U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps officer from 1982–2010, Mike retired as a Captain (O-6). Her deployments, included Hurricane Katrina relief in Arkansas and two polio vaccination missions to Nigeria. Beyond her professional achievements, she served her community as president of Cloquet Youth Baseball and Softball, a Girl Scout Leader and board member, and an active Lutheran volunteer. She and her husband Glen raised four children: Tara, Heather, Mathew, and Jeremiah.

We honor Mike’s enduring dedication to Native American nursing, health and leadership through the NANAINA scholarship established in her name. Visit <https://www.schumacher-kish.com/obituaries/pelagie-mike-snesrud> for full Bio.

