

# VNSA Constituency Process

My name is Brandi Collins and I am the Virginia Nursing Students' Association's (VNSA) 2nd Vice President. On behalf of your VNSA, I am happy you have chosen to apply for constituency status!

To be considered for Delegate credentialing at our Annual State Convention, **I must receive a copy of your School's Bylaws by January 15, 2007**. There are 3 basic requirements for Constituency status:

1. There are 10 National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) members in the school chapter by the annual constituency status cutoff date.
2. The Bylaws must contain the areas of conformity listed in the Official Application for Constituency Status (application is in *Getting the Pieces to Fit*).
3. A school or state officer has signed and submitted the Official Application for Constituency Status and postmarked no later than the annual cutoff date. This form must be filed with the NSNA annually.

Constituency Status entitles your school to:

- Representation in the 2007 House of Delegates on the State and National levels.
- Submit a resolution for consideration by the 2007 Houses of Delegates on the State and National levels.
- Participate in the State and National Awards Program (i.e., Breakthrough to Nursing, Membership, Community health, Legislation/Education, Image of Nursing, Financial Excellence, and more).
- Eligibility for the Precious Metal Awards Program on the State and National levels.

<i>School Membership:</i>	<i>State Delegate Count:</i>
1 – 10	1 delegate + corresponding # of Alternates
11 – 20	2 delegates + corresponding # of Alternates
21 – 30	3 delegates, and so on

I must receive a copy of your school's NSNA chapter by January 15, 2007 in order to be considered for constituency. If you have any questions, please contact me at [bcollins6298@email.vccs.edu](mailto:bcollins6298@email.vccs.edu). I look forward to helping your chapter achieve constituency status!

Sincerely yours,

Brandi Collins  
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