

JEAN M. BROWN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSES

Application Deadline: June 1

Jean M. Brown graduated from the St. Francis School of Nursing in 1938. During her nursing career, Ms. Brown was employed by Caterpillar as an Industrial Nurse and enjoyed the distinction of being the first individual to hold this position. Ms. Brown very much enjoyed her work experience and wanted to provide the same opportunities she had been provided to pursue a career in the field of nursing. Ms. Brown made the provision in her will that allowed for the creation of an endowed nursing scholarship. Upon her death in October 2000, the Jean M. Brown Nursing Scholarship was established to award scholarships, based on need, to nursing students with a special preference given to those students pursuing a career in Occupational Nursing.

Eligibility

Any individual who permanently resides within a 50-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois who is pursuing an education in the field of nursing is eligible to apply. Students may be pursuing an undergraduate degree or graduate degree in nursing or obtaining certification in a specific nursing field, and may be enrolled as a part-time or full-time student. Applicant must be in good academic standing at the institution in which he or she is enrolled.

Award

The scholarship award of up to \$2,500.00 is good for a period of one academic year. One half of the award will be applied to the fall semester and one half of the award will be applied to the spring semester. It is necessary to provide proof of good academic standing at the end of the fall semester prior to spring scholarship payment being made.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the school of the recipient's choice upon confirmation that the student has enrolled. The scholarship award may be used to cover the cost of tuition, books, and required fees pertinent to the nursing program. Any unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to the Community Foundation of Central Illinois and will not become for the private use of the scholarship recipient.

Scholarship awards will be based on financial need.

Application Procedure

The following information must be submitted to the Community Foundation of Central Illinois prior to the scholarship deadline for consideration:

- Completed Application
- Professional Affiliations
- Educational Goals
- Essay
- Reference Letter From Employer
- Copy of Nursing License

Questions? Please contact the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, 331 Fulton St., Suite 310, Peoria, Illinois 61602. Phone: 309.674-8730 or e-mail: kristan@communityfoundationci.org.

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Professional Organization Affiliations Level of Participation

Please list any professional organizations you are affiliated with and how active you are.

Educational Goals

Please give a brief description of how this education experience will enhance your professional growth.

Personal Statement (Optional)

Any additional information you would like the committee to consider as they evaluate your application, including personal, academic or financial challenges may be provided in the space below. Do not attach additional information.

Reference Letters

It is required that you submit two references on the forms provided. Reference sheets should be mailed directly to Community Foundation of Central Illinois by the referral. Reference sheets must be submitted by the application due date. The reference sheets are for internal use only and will not be made available at any time for the applicant's use or review.

- One reference must be from your employer.
- Your 2nd reference may be from co-worker, like profession preferred.

Essay Question

Essay question must be submitted typewritten and fewer than 500 words. Please put your name on your essay.

TOPIC: DESCRIBE YOUR COMMITMENT TO OCCUPATIONAL NURSING AND YOUR FUTURE PROFESSIONAL GOALS.

If I am selected as a Jean M. Brown Nursing Scholarship Recipient, I authorize the institution to send a report of my academic transcripts to the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

I have truthfully answered all questions on this scholarship application to the best of my ability.

Signature

Date

Scholarship awards are awarded for one academic year. Being selected as a Jean M. Brown Nursing Scholarship recipient in a specific academic year does not guarantee that you will be selected in subsequent years. Preference is given to continuing applicants, but this is not a guarantee you will be selected in subsequent years or that future award amounts will be the same as the preceding year(s).

Jean M. Brown Nursing Scholarship
Letter of Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

I authorize this reference, _____, to complete this referral sheet for the Jean M. Brown Scholarship. I understand that the referral sheet will be forwarded directly to the Community Foundation of Central Illinois and will become for their private use. I understand that I will not be permitted to review this reference sheet for any reason.

Applicant Signature: _____

Please complete this form and submit it to the following address no later than June 1.
Community Foundation of Central Illinois
Attn: Kristan Creek
331 Fulton Street, Suite 310
Peoria, Illinois 61602

How long have you known the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

Please comment on applicant's primary strengths and ability to reach academic goals.

Please comment on applicant's primary weakness or liabilities.

Additional comments:

I would recommend this individual for a nursing scholarship:

Highly Recommend Recommend Do Not Recommend

Your Name: (Type or Print) Title

Business Address City State Zip

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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