



2024 Nursing Scholarship Awards

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Nursing Scholarship program is funded by benefactors and provides financial assistance for staff who are attending nursing educational programs. The goal of the program is to allow nurses to develop professionally, enhance their scope of practice, contribute to the profession, and achieve their educational goals.

Lloyd A. and Barbara A. Amundson Scholarship in Nursing

Jenny Bauer, Eau Claire
Mark Becknell, Rochester
Anita Bennett, Eau Claire
Lindsey Boehm, Eau Claire
Patrick Bogard, Rochester
Kelsea Johnson, Rochester
Norah Makori, Rochester

Shalon Maxson, Rochester
Megan Osterlund, Rochester
Maura McCabe, Rochester
Miranda Rodriguez, Eau Claire
Bethany Ward, Rochester
Nicki Zahhos, Rochester

The **Lloyd A. and Barbara A. Amundson Scholarship in Nursing** was established in 2006 by Mr. and Mrs. Amundson to support nurses interested in pursuing a career within nursing education. Mr. and Mrs. Amundson's relationship with Mayo Clinic dates to the 1950s. For many years, all their medical needs were handled by Mayo physicians, and the treatment they received through the Department of Orthopedics enhanced their relationship even more. Mrs. Amundson often spoke of her love for her friends and family, especially Lloyd, her husband of 65 years. She passed away in 2016 at the age of 83.

Because of You Fund

Alfredo Marroquin, Jacksonville
Brandi Pittman, Jacksonville

Rachel Sladek, New Prague
Emma Steck, Rochester

The **Because of You Fund** was established in 2014 through gifts contributed by Mayo Clinic staff and retirees. Employees who give to the campaign can designate their gift to assist Mayo Clinic's education efforts. Since the first Because of You campaign in 2014, gifts from staff members have totaled more than \$12 million. The Mayo Clinic philanthropic legacy was cemented in 1919, when Drs. Will and Charlie Mayo and their wives, Hattie, and Edith donated the assets of Mayo Clinic and the majority of their life savings to establish Mayo as a not-for-profit organization.

Elizabeth C. Bonner Nursing Scholarship and Education Award

Megan Gehle, Rochester
Benjamin Irons, Rochester
Alfredo Marroquin, Jacksonville
Son Nguyen, Jacksonville

Vivian Nguyen, Menomonie
Emily Paplow, Rochester
Julianna Schreurs, Jacksonville

The **Elizabeth C. Bonner Nursing Scholarship and Education Award** was established by Bertram F. Bonner, Jr., and Helen Bonner in memory of their daughter, Elizabeth Bonner, who passed away in 1989.

at the age of 12. The excellent care Elizabeth received as a long-term pediatric cardiac patient at Saint Marys Hospital inspired Mr. and Mrs. Bonner to create a scholarship to support nurses

Glenda Taylor Huston Scholarship of Compassion and Courage

Beth Komay, La Crosse

Abbi Simonson-Banwart, Mankato

The **Glenda Taylor Huston Scholarship of Compassion and Courage** was established in 2010 by Richard Huston in memory of his wife, Glenda, who passed away in January of that year. She was a minority owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves and enjoyed traveling with the team. Mrs. Huston was even considered a “den mother” to the team. She was active in her community and an avid traveler who visited all seven continents.

Mayo Clinic Hospital – Methodist Campus Nursing Scholarship and Education Award

Kayla Bergan, Rochester
Patricia Dunlap, Rochester
Sara Klennert, Rochester
Navika Maharaj, Rochester

David Murphy, Rochester
Samantha Snyder, Rochester
Shay Stewart, Rochester

The **Mayo Clinic Hospital – Methodist Campus Nursing Scholarship and Education Award** is made possible by benefactors who are committed to supporting the professional development of nurses who are located at the Mayo Clinic Hospital — Methodist Campus. Included in this group of benefactors is the Rochester Methodist Auxiliary.

Methodist Campus Volunteers Founders Fund

Barbara Acosta Roza, Rochester
Zurisadai Cevallos, Rochester
Katelyn Greibrok, Rochester

Gloria Ku, Rochester
Emily Mullenbach, Rochester
Meg Sovers, Rochester

The **Methodist Campus Volunteers Founders Fund** was established in 2015. The Methodist Volunteer Leadership Council unanimously approved moving forward to create an endowment for scholarships for nursing education.

Methodist – Kahler School of Nursing Alumni Fund

Simret Teshome, Rochester

Jenna Engelkes, Rochester

The **Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing Alumni Fund** was established in 2010 to preserve, uphold, and support professional nursing and to preserve the heritage of the Kahler and Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing therefore establishing an ongoing legacy of the high standard of nursing the Methodist- Kahler School of Nursing represents. On April 9, 1918, the first five students were admitted to train at the Colonial Hospital Training School for Nurses. In 1921 the school's name changed to the Kahler Hospitals School of Nursing, and in 1954 it became the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing. Training involved 36 continuous months of classroom and hands-on instruction. By 1970 when the school closed, 3,827 diplomas had been awarded to men and women entering the profession of nursing. Over the years Kahler/Methodist-Kahler nurses have impacted every scope of the nursing profession, from the bedside to surgery, anesthesiology, teaching, writing, research, and beyond. The Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing Alumni Association was organized in September 1922 and remains

an active group focusing on alumni reunions, preserving Methodist-Kahler heritage, and promoting the scholarship fund.

Sister Joseph Endowment Nursing Scholarship and Education Award

Brianna Alcaraz, Rochester
Sarah Banuelos, Rochester
Brendon Bloomfield, Rochester
Rachel Britz, Rochester
Alaina Clague, Rochester
Hanna Clasen, Rochester
Nikki Dahle, Rochester
Kaylee Fanton, Rochester
Grace Gebhart, Rochester
Devin Glenski, Rochester
Andrina Hasz, Rochester
Mary Hayden, Rochester
Alison Hecker, Rochester
Laura Heier, Rochester
Octavia Johnson, Rochester
Sarah Lisko, Rochester
Cassidy McGillick, Rochester
Cindy Mercer, Rochester

Fazali Nkoloma, Rochester
Shelby Olson, Rochester
Melissa Otte, Rochester
Rosie Otte, Rochester
Sara Peters, Rochester
Jess Pham, Rochester
Thomas Sherman, Rochester
Brianna Stang, Rochester
Sien Sun, Rochester
Lauren Theisen, Rochester
Heather Tradup, Rochester
Serena Tradup, Rochester
Sarah Walker, Rochester
Courtney Walker, Rochester
Megan Warnke, Rochester
Riley Wendt, Rochester
Nikoli Yudin, Rochester

The **Sister Joseph Endowment Nursing Scholarship and Education Award** was established in memory of Sister Mary Joseph Dempsey, or originally Julia Dempsey. Sister Joseph became a Franciscan nun in 1878. In 1889 she was recalled from her teaching position at a parochial school in Kentucky to take up nursing at the new Saint Marys Hospital, built by her order in the wake of a disastrous tornado. Sister Mary Joseph studied nursing under a local nurse and in 1890 became Dr. William J. Mayo's first surgical assistant, a post she held until 1915.

In 1892, Sister Joseph became superintendent of the hospital, a position she held until her death in 1939. With the other pioneer sisters who stayed on as the hospital's permanent staff, she set the pace for the hospital's growth and development.

Sister Joseph founded a school of nursing in 1906 to ensure careful and intelligent care of the sick. The Sister Joseph Endowment Fund was a part of Saint Marys School of Nursing from its beginning. Sister Joseph wanted to ensure that scholarship was stimulated and that students who needed financial assistance received it. When the school opened in 1906, she started a small scholarship fund from the contributions of friends and the proceeds of fundraising activities.

At a dedication of a Saint Marys Hospital addition in 1922, Dr. William Mayo gave this tribute to Sister Joseph:

Executives of the character of Sister Mary Joseph are born, not made. Of tireless industry, strong individuality, and personality, with intellectual capacity of the highest order, for over 30 years she has been the guiding spirit and presiding genius of Saint Marys Hospital. Her indomitable courage, keen sense of justice and sympathetic understanding of humanity has enabled her to play a most important role in the development of this institution.

In 1930, the Sister Joseph Scholarship Fund for Saint Marys School of Nursing was established as a trust fund. In 1937, the name was changed to the Sister Joseph Endowment Fund for Saint Marys School of

Nursing. After the nursing school closed in 1970, the Saint Marys Hospital Board of Trustees established the Tuition Fund for Nursing Education. Income from the Sister Joseph Endowment Fund was allocated for this purpose.

After the integration of Saint Marys Hospital with Mayo Foundation, the guidelines for use of this income were modified and continue to direct the use of the fund.

Helen M. Koebrick Endowment Fund in Nursing Education

Amy Bauman, Owatonna
Haley Baxter, Jacksonville
Ansley Brigman, Jacksonville
Jennifer Chapman, Phoenix
Daisy Cortez-Bear, Arrowhead
Eleni Debickero, Phoenix
Laura Fierro-Fernandez, Rochester
Christina Frantz, Phoenix
Shelby Gaylor, Rochester
Beau Godbout, Menomonie
Crystal Grys, Scottsdale
Jaicee Hagen, La Crosse
Alex Holland, Phoenix
Hayley Kaschner, La Crosse
Roxanne Kuroski, Jacksonville
Megan LaPlante, Rochester
Jamie Macaluso, Jacksonville

Jennifer Marino, Jacksonville
Alfredo Marroquin, Jacksonville
Lauren Mermod, Rochester
Ciara Minion, Mankato
Danielle Norton, Rochester
Kerry Olson, Mankato
Hannah Perendy, Rochester
Clarisa Ramierz-Romero
Amira Said, St. Peter
Craig Schapekahn, Rochester
Shae Sibley, Phoenix
Caree Spratte, Rochester
Bailey Stewart, Rochester
Emma Thill, Eau Claire
Erika Turaki, Phoenix
Adriana Wohlhuter, Red Wing

Helen M. Koebrick Endowment Fund in Nursing Education was established by Helen M. Koebrick for qualified undergraduate and graduate nursing students. Mrs. Koebrick was a teacher who came from humble beginnings and believed in the value of education and helping others. She took great pride in helping students, and she had a particular fondness and respect for Mayo Clinic. Mother Teresa once said, "To keep a lamp burning, we have to put oil in it." Through this endowment to carry on her passion for education for the benefit of individuals who struggle financially, she has found a way to ensure that this lamp will burn indefinitely.

Laura's Legacy Nursing Scholarship

Bria Berg, Rochester
Chelsea Hauck, Eau Claire

Kathryn Peterson, Red Wing
Jamie Stewart, Rochester

The **Laura's Legacy Nursing Scholarship** was established in memory of Laura Finseth Scott. Mrs. Finseth Scott was passionate about maternal-child medicine, and in 2011 she became a registered nurse focused on family-centered care at the Family Birthplace of Mayo Clinic Health System — Franciscan Healthcare (La Crosse, Wisconsin). In addition to providing nursing excellence, she worked to educate the public on topics like the benefits of breastfeeding and other important early-life best practices. Mrs. Finseth Scott passed away in 2014, but her love of learning and dedication to quality maternal-child medicine inspired her family to create a scholarship to support maternal-child nursing education.

Florence T. Nasenbeny, RN Scholarship in Nursing

Kaitlyn Brunner, Jacksonville
Letty Brown, Scottsdale
Amanda Freeman Lee, Mankato
Gabrielle Hall, Austin
Sara Halligan, Jacksonville
Tracy Keller, Scottsdale

Mia Lucero, Phoenix
Alfredo Marroquin, Jacksonville
Bianca Meyers, Rochester
Gabriel Ulrich, Mankato
Josephine Weinzirl, Eau Claire

The **Florence T. Nasenbeny, RN Scholarship in Nursing** was established in memory of Florence T. Nasenbeny, RN. Mr. and Mrs. Nasenbeny were noted to be extremely thankful for the care they received at Mayo Clinic. The scholarship was created to benefit qualified undergraduate nursing students demonstrating financial need.

Jean M. Peterson Fund in Nursing Education

Irene Bell, Rochester
Kaitlyn Champa, Rochester

Taylor Cleveland, Rochester
Christopher Dirkes, Rochester

The **Jean M. Peterson Fund in Nursing Education** was established by the Peterson family in memory of their wife and mother, Jean M. Peterson. Mrs. Peterson worked at Mayo Clinic for over 40 years as a nurse, primarily in the Emergency Department. Because of her background, a scholarship was created to support emergency medicine nurses seeking educational opportunities.

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Vera Mae Magdalene Darr Nursing Scholarship – Rochester Methodist Hospital

Kayla Sturm, Rochester

Gabrielle Rasmusson, Rochester

The **Vera Mae Magdalene Darr Nursing Scholarship - Rochester Methodist Hospital** was established by Vera Mae “Bobbie” Darr in 1983. Ms. Darr, a 1945 graduate of the Methodist-Kahler School of Nursing, had a 32-year nursing career at Rochester Methodist Hospital and was very active in efforts to improve health in her community. She established the Minnesota Chapter of the Myasthenia Gravis Association and helped organize the Rochester Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. Due to her outstanding contributions to the community through volunteer work, Ms. Darr was named recipient of the hospital’s Service to Humanity award in 1978. Her passion for nursing and for education endures through this scholarship fund, which she set up shortly before passing away in 1983.