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Donald E. Pizzini Memorial Nurse Scholarship Program

The Montana Health Care Association Scholarship Foundation created the Donald E. Pizzini Memorial Nurse Scholarship Program to provide annual scholarships of up to $1,000 to individuals interested in pursuing or advancing a career in nursing with an emphasis on long term care. These scholarships will help the students and health care workers of today become the caring nursing professionals of tomorrow and will facilitate the development of a nursing workforce to meet the current and future demands in long term care in Montana.

We have enclosed a Program Overview which provides information on eligibility and how to apply. Application instructions and forms are available on our website www.mthealthcare.org or by contacting the MHCA office. The application deadline is February 28, 2018.

Please encourage students interested in pursuing a career in long term care nursing to look into our program. We have included one copy of a poster for you to display. A printable version of this poster is also available on the website.

Sincerely,

Rose M. Hughes, Executive Director
Montana Health Care Association

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MHCA Scholarship Foundation is now accepting applications for next year.

Scholarships of up to $1000 will be awarded to individuals pursuing a primary nursing or advanced practice nursing education, with an emphasis on long term care. Applications may be obtained by going to www.mthealthcare.org or by calling (406) 443-2876. Applications are due the last day of February, and will be awarded in April for the upcoming academic year.

Financial support for the education of a compassionate & skilled nursing workforce of tomorrow.
Donald E. Pizzini Memorial
Nurse Scholarship Program

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Program Overview

MHCA Scholarship Foundation

The MHCA Scholarship Foundation is incorporated for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its purpose is to create a perpetual scholarship fund through donations and investment income and to award scholarships.

Mission Statement

"The MHCA Scholarship Foundation exists to create a perpetual source of financial support for education to sustain a compassionate and skilled nursing work force to meet the current and future demands of long term care."

Donald E. Pizzini Memorial Nurse Scholarship Program - Overview

No matter what shape health care takes in the future, there will always be a need for people who provide skilled and compassionate nursing care, especially in the long term care arena. Pursuing a career in nursing will undeniably have its challenges. What shouldn’t be a challenge is finding the financial resources to help achieve career goals. To this end, the Montana Health Care Association (MHCA) Scholarship Foundation has established the Donald E. Pizzini Memorial Nurse Scholarship Program.

This program will provide annual scholarships to individuals interested in pursuing a career in nursing or advancing in their nursing career - with an emphasis on long term care. It will help the students and health care workers of today become the caring nursing professionals of tomorrow and facilitate the development of a nursing workforce to meet Montana’s current and future needs.

Each year we award one or more scholarships of up to $1000 to college students from our service area, as well as professionals who are already working in the long-term care field who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing or in advancing in their nursing career.

This program memorializes Don Pizzini, a former President of MHCA. In his many years as administrator of the Cascade County Convalescent Center in Great Falls, and in his work with MHCA, he had a passionate commitment to long term care and the elderly and to the dedicated care givers who worked to give them the quality of life they deserve. These scholarships are awarded in honor of this dedicated, innovative leader.
Scholarship Provisions

- The maximum scholarship award shall be $1,000 and shall be determined by the scholarship foundation board.
- The application deadline is the last day of February of each year the scholarship is offered, with scholarships being awarded once each year.
- Applicants shall receive a response to their application no more than 60 days following the application deadline.
- Preference shall be given to those individuals currently working in or demonstrating an interest in pursuing a career in long term care. Preference will also be given to those individuals who have worked in an MHCA member facility.
- Scholarship disbursements may only be used by students to pay for tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment.
- Scholarships awarded in April of each year may only be used for the summer session or during the next school year.
- Scholarships shall be paid directly to the educational institution.
- Proof of enrollment into an accredited or approved program must be provided by a scholarship recipient prior to funds being disbursed.
- Disbursements may be divided in equal sums payable during two or more logical educational divisions, such as quarters, semesters, modules, etc. A scholarship recipient must submit proof of continued participation in their original nursing program, or another nursing program as approved by the scholarship committee, prior to receiving subsequent disbursements after the first. The scholarship committee may withhold or cancel any disbursements after the first for a failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA or better in previous studies.
- Scholarship recipients may reapply for further consideration after their original scholarship has expired.
- Acceptance of the scholarship constitutes permission for the MHCA Scholarship Foundation to use the recipients’ names, biographical information and pictures for publicity purposes.

For more information, contact:
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