



## Benefis Health System Foundation Bonnie Gardner Nursing Scholarship

The Bonnie Gardner Nursing Scholarship was established by the late Bonnie Gardner, who named Benefis Foundation as the beneficiary of her estate. Bonnie was a nurse herself, having gone to nurses training as a cadet nurse, finishing in 1946. Since WWII had just ended, she didn't serve in the war. She was a nurse until 1970 retiring when her husband did so they could spend time together. This scholarship, administered by Benefis Health System Foundation, is to be applied to books and tuition only. The amount and number awarded for this scholarship is subject to change each year. Scholarship funding is renewable, although not automatic. A renewal application must be completed and submitted along with grade documentation by June 1 for fall and spring renewals.

### SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

Benefis Health System Foundation provides a scholarship opportunity for college students with the desire to obtain or advance in their nursing education or certification. Awardees are chosen based on eligibility requirements through a Scholarship Selection Committee.

- Criteria:**
- Applicants must be pursuing a BSN or be a BSN pursuing a graduate degree.
  - Applicant must be in good academic standing with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher, if study occurred within the last five (5) years.
  - Applicant must maintain a 2.75 Grade Point Average.
  - Applicant must take a minimum of nine (9) credits per semester.
  - Applicant must submit completed application form with required documentation.
  - Applicant must demonstrate service to the community, college of nursing and/or profession.

### GENERAL INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Availability of scholarship(s) is determined by Benefis Health System Foundation. Applications are available through **Benefis Health System Foundation**. Direct all questions regarding the application process to Benefis Health System Foundation, Scholarship Program at 455-5840 or you may access the website at [www.benefisfoundation.org](http://www.benefisfoundation.org). Completed applications must be submitted by either mailing to **Benefis Health System Foundation, PO Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59406-7008** or delivering to 1101 26th St S, South Tower, Benefis Health System Foundation office, Great Falls, MT.

**Application Deadline: June 1 for fall and spring semesters**

### **Applicants must submit the following criteria:**

- ❑ Completed application form by designated deadline.
- ❑ Copy of transcripts reflecting a GPA of 2.75 from the last two years of academic study, if study occurred within the last five (5) years.
- ❑ Two letters of recommendation (see application.)
- ❑ A letter stating reasons for choosing the area of healthcare you are interested in as your field of study.
- ❑ A written statement of financial need.
- ❑ Completed Consent and Disclosure form.
- ❑ If you are selected to receive a scholarship, the Foundation reserves the right to publish your picture in newspapers, foundation newsletters and our web site. If you do not have a current photo and you are selected, we will assist you with a photo