



Benefis Health System Foundation Deborah A. Wilson Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Benefis Health System Foundation's Deborah A. Wilson Memorial Nursing Scholarship was created in memory of Deborah A. Wilson, a longtime Oncology Nurse Practitioner who was an employee of Benefis Health System. Scholarships are offered to registered nurses pursuing a Masters or Doctorate Degree, with a preferred emphasis in Oncology. Physician Assistants who want to advance in oncology as a specialty also may apply.

GOALS

- ◆ To improve recruitment and retention of health care related professionals to better serve our patients and their families.
- ◆ To provide access to educational programs that will provide specific skill sets.
- ◆ To provide financial assistance to students pursuing higher education.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

Benefis Health System Foundation provides a scholarship opportunity for current RN's with the desire to obtain or advance in healthcare education. The *Deborah A. Wilson Memorial Nursing Scholarship* provides **up to \$2,500 per semester** for recipients who meet eligibility requirements. Awardees are chosen based on eligibility requirements through a Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarships are administered by Benefis Health System Foundation and provide for books and tuition only.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must have been accepted into an accredited program and be pursuing advanced education.
- 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 may be requested to participate in a personal interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

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 web site at 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 Is: June 1st

Applicants must submit the following criteria:

- ❑ Completed application form by designated deadline.
- ❑ A copy of the letter of acceptance into a certified healthcare program or college.
- ❑ 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 pursuing your field of study.
- ❑ A written statement of financial need.
- ❑ Completed Consent and Disclosure form.

Scholarship funding is renewable. A renewable application must be completed and submitted along with grade documentation by June 1st for fall and spring renewals.