



Benefis Health System Foundation John and Darlene Skees Memorial Nursing Scholarship

To honor his wife of 40 years, John Skees in 1998 established the *Darlene Glantz Skees Memorial Nursing Scholarship* to provide several opportunities for undergraduate and post graduate students to advance their education. The fund enables persons actively delivering patient care the opportunity to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) or a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). It also provides the opportunity for a current Registered Nurse (RN) to obtain a BSN.

John remarried in 2005, and he and his wife Sue, faithfully supported this scholarship. In 2008, John and Sue recognized the need for higher education in the ever demanding and evolving health care industry. The opportunity for a Skees scholarship now includes a Bachelor of Science Degree Nurse pursuing a Masters or Doctorate Degree in nursing with an emphasis on nursing education or nurse practitioner. Sadly, in 2015, John passed away and the scholarship was named after John and Darlene.

This scholarship, administered by Benefis Health System Foundation, provides for books and tuition up to \$2,500 per student per semester. Scholarship funding is renewable. A renewal application must be completed and submitted along with grade documentation by June 1 for fall and spring renewals.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Applicants for undergraduate degrees** must be a current full time, part time or registry employee of Benefis Health System for at least one (1) year. **Applicants for post graduate education** do not have to be employees of Benefis Health System. All applicants must have a minimum of two (2) years healthcare experience.
- Applicant must pursue an Associate Degree, Bachelor of Science Degree, Masters or higher in Nursing and provide proof of acceptance to an accredited school.
- Applicant must take a minimum of nine (9) credits per semester. The Master's level requires a minimum of six (6) credits per semester.
- Applicant must maintain a 2.75 Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Applicant may be requested to participate in a personal interview with Selection Committee.
- Complete Consent and Disclosure form.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

June 1 for fall and spring semesters

Completed applications must be submitted by mailing to **Benefis Health System Foundation, Attn: Healthcare Scholarship Program, PO Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59406-7008** or deliver to 1101 26th St S, South Tower, Benefis Health System Foundation office, Great Falls, MT. For information, call 455-5840 or access the website at www.benefisfoundation.org. Scholarships will be awarded upon availability and will be selected by the Healthcare Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the accredited school.