



Benefis Health System Foundation Smith & Van Orsdel Nursing Scholarship

Hard working and well liked, **Doris Smith** served nearly 35 years as a registered nurse with Montana Deaconess Medical Center until just before her death in 1983. She was known for her delightful sense of humor and warm personality. Aware of her devotion and interest in the future of nursing, friends and family created a nursing scholarship in Doris' name.

It was through the special interest of **Rev. W. Van Orsdel** that the Deaconess Hospital, now Benefis Health System, first began providing care in Great Falls in 1898. In memory of the hospital's founder and the significant contributions he made to the medical care of people in Montana, an annual nursing scholarship was created.

Benefis Health System Foundation administers the Smith & Van Orsdel Nursing Scholarships. Selections will be made through the Foundation's Health System Scholarship Selection Committee. The amount and number awarded for these Scholarships is subject to change each year. These scholarships provide for books and tuition only.

Award Criteria

Applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Montana State University – Bozeman nursing student enrolled in the MSU degree program at Great Falls Extended Campus.
- Identify professional goals.
- Have attained junior or higher status and be actively seeking either a bachelor of science or a Master of Science degree.
- Have an accumulated grade point average of 2.75 or higher.
- Demonstrate leadership abilities and show sound clinical performance.
- Demonstrate service to community, the college of nursing and/or your profession.
- Submit a written letter of recommendation from MSU Nursing Faculty member or supervisor.
- If you are a Benefis Health System employee you need to submit a letter of recommendation from your current manager.
- Completed 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.