

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Eleanor M. Olson Nursing Scholarship Fund
History

This scholarship fund was established in April 1990 with a gift from members of Eleanor Olson's family and friends. The scholarship honors Eleanor Olson (1923-1988), who was a graduate of The Memorial School of Nursing, Class of 1943. Her nursing career spanned four decades at Memorial Hospital and included serving as its Alumni Association President, Head Nurse of the Emergency Unit and Employees' Health Nurse. Among other attributes she exemplified in her career was professionalism.

Preamble

The fund will be administered by the Rhode Island College Foundation as an endowed scholarship. The scholarship will be credited to the recipient's account at the College. Payment will be made to the Bursar's Office in two in two equal installments during the following academic year, after proof of registration as a full-time or part-time student is secured. Should the chosen recipient not enroll for any reason, the credit shall be voided and the balance shall revert to the principal of the fund.

The award, provided through the interest earned under the principal of the fund, shall be at least \$250 per annum. Further, it is the desire of the family to review the fund periodically with the purpose in mind of possibly creating additional awards or adjusting the amount of the award as the fund grows. Beverly Berry, or her designee from the family, must be notified for her consent and approval prior to any changes. The chair of the nursing department will supervise the selection process.

Selection Criteria

The recipient must be a Rhode Island resident.
Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.50.

Preference will be given to qualified applicants who are descendants of graduates of the former Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, which was located in Pawtucket, RI.

The recipient must be accepted into the Nursing Program as a full-time or part-time student entering the sophomore (beginning), junior (intermediate) or senior (advanced) year.

Applicants for the award must complete a written essay (no more than 500 words) which answers the following questions: Why did you choose nursing as a profession, and how do you think you will contribute to the field?

Selection Process

Recipients of the scholarship will be selected at the end of the Spring semester by a faculty screening committee to be named by the department chair. The recipient will be determined by a vote of the Nursing faculty. Scholarship awards are for one year only. Recipients may be considered in subsequent years if eligible. A family representative is to be notified of the name of the recipient each year.

ELEANOR M. OLSON NURSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application

This form is to be typed or printed and returned to the Awards Committee, Nursing Department, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island 02908.

NAME: _____
Last First MI Social Security Number

ADDRESS: _____
No. Street

Town/City State Zip

TELEPHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
Mo. Day Year

Level for which Scholarship Requested: Sophomore _____ Junior _____
Senior _____ Full-time _____ Part-time _____

Is/was anyone in your family a graduate of the former Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Pawtucket, RI? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, name and relationship of graduate.

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

EDUCATIONAL RECORDS AUTHORIZATION:

I hereby authorize the Awards Committee, Department of Nursing, to receive from appropriate Rhode Island College officials copies of all educational records necessary for review and consideration of this scholarship application.

Signature

Date