

Nursing Scholarships

AT WELLSPAN EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

The Mae F. Keefer and Crystal Snyder scholarships at WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital provide annual financial aid awards to traditional or non-traditional students entering nursing for the purpose of pursuing a career as a LPN, RN, or an advanced degree in nursing.

The scholarships are open to both high school students and non-traditional students, including current Evangelical employees looking to enter into or expand a nursing career.

The Patricia Umbenhowe Leininger Memorial Scholarship is provided to support and encourage nursing students pursuing a Registered Nurse designation. The scholarship was made possible by the family of Patricia Umbenhowe Leininger who donated funds in her memory and established for a member of the Evangelical workforce.

Awarding of scholarships will be based first on the financial need of the applicant, and second, on their academic record.

Eligibility

Candidates for the nursing scholarships are selected based on the following:

- Career goals
- Community service
- Financial need
- Academic standing

Awards

Multiple awards based on funding availability will be made each year. No student will be eligible to receive an award for more than four years. Evidence of continued interest in nursing and satisfactory academic standing in a professional program must be demonstrated by the recipient. The recipient's continued eligibility is to be reviewed annually by the Scholarship Committee.

Conditions

Recipients of the WellSpan Evangelical nursing scholarships will be encouraged to participate in activities at WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital, such as the student intern program, health fairs, recruitment fairs, etc. The Hospital's Chief Nursing Officer will coordinate these activities.

Application and Notification

Applicants will be received from February 1 to April 1 and August 1 to October 1. Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision of the Scholarship Committee in August and January each calendar year.

The scholarship application will contain no questions for the purpose of limiting or excluding any applicants from consideration for the scholarship because of race, color, religion, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or non-job related handicap or disability.

WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital reserves the right to make changes, amendments, and/or modifications with regard to the operation of the Scholarship Fund. The Fund is at the sole discretion of the Hospital and is deemed necessary for the proper administration of the purposes of the Fund.



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ABOUT

MAE F. KEEFER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The Mae F. Keefer Nursing Scholarship was established in 1988 by the Hospital's Board of Directors to recognize the longstanding dedication and contribution to the profession of nursing by Mrs. Mae F. Keefer, retired Director of Nursing at Evangelical.

About the Honoree

Mrs. Mae Keefer retired in 1988 after a 40-year career in nursing - more than 37 of those years at Evangelical Community Hospital. A graduate of Milton High School and the Williamsport Hospital School of Nursing, she completed her clinical training in the World War II Cadet Nurse Corps at Mount Alto Veterans Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Following initial service as a general duty nurse in Williamsport, Mrs. Keefer began general duty nursing at Evangelical's original location, which was located across the highway from the current Hospital. She was promoted to second shift supervisor just two weeks after the opening of the new Hospital in 1953. In 1970, she was named Director of Nursing.

CRYSTAL SNYDER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The Crystal Snyder Nursing Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 by family, friends, and The Degenstein Foundation to honor the memory of Crystal Snyder. This Fund was established to provide annual scholarship support for local nursing students living in Northumberland, Snyder, and Union counties. First preference will be given to students from Shikellamy High School in Sunbury.

About the Honoree

Crystal Snyder was a resident of Sunbury, Pa., and 1979 graduate of Shikellamy High School. Her healthcare experience came as a lab technician for Pagana and Pagana-DeFazio, MDs, in Sunbury. Crystal was a devoted mother of five sons. She was also dedicated to her community, driving school bus for 15 years and coaching soccer for AYSO as her children grew up. Her hobby was gardening. She was a Penn State Master Gardener and owned a greenhouse called Serenity Place. Crystal died on October 23, 2006, at the age of 45.

THE PATRICIA UMBENHOWER LEININGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Patricia Umbenhower Leininger Memorial Scholarship is provided to support and encourage nursing students pursuing a Registered Nurse designation. The scholarship was made possible by the family of Patricia Umbenhower Leininger who donated funds in her memory. Established for a member of the Evangelical workforce, entering their senior year of course study, and demonstrates a positive attitude, strong work ethic, compassion in providing care, and dedication to the healthcare industry.

About the Honoree

Patricia Leininger's commitment to the field of nursing is what drove her family to create the scholarship in her honor. She dedicated her career to the nursing field for more than 50 years. After graduating from the Harrisburg Hospital School of Nursing in 1962, Leininger immediately began providing patient care to her community in a nursing home in Selinsgrove while she waited for confirmation that she passed her nursing board certification.

Over the span of Leininger's nursing career, she spent two decades at Nottingham Village, and finished her official nursing service at Central Penn GI in Lewisburg (now known as Gastroenterology of Evangelical). Post retirement she continued to be involved in the medical field, teaching medical terminology at a local business school and then volunteering at Evangelical Community Hospital.

Nursing Scholarships APPLICATION

Complete and submit, along with all required documents.

Please check all that apply:

☐ I am a new applicant. ☐ I wish to renew my application. ☐ I am a current WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital employee.

☐ I am a current high school student. Please list district _____

☐ I am a graduate of a high school located in Snyder, Union, or Northumberland Counties in Pennsylvania.

Please list high school _____

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ Birth Date (MM/DD/YY): ____ / ____ / ____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

School or College attended	Years attended	Did you graduate, yes or no?	List diploma, degree, or certification attained
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Have you been admitted to any nursing programs or schools, yes or no? _____ If yes, please list below:

Name of School: _____

Program: _____

III. EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Are you applying for any other grants or scholarships, yes or no? _____ If yes, please list below:

If your plans materialize as you hope, what would you hope to be doing:

in 5 years? _____

in 10 years? _____

III. OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Name of family member	Relationship to student	Age	Claimed by you or your parents on most recent tax return?	Current year in school	Name of school attending	Will enroll in school next year, yes or no?

Please attach a copy of the Student Aid Report (the result of filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form [FAFSA]).

IV. APPLICANT'S COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OR SERVICE

Please list any community activities or service in which you have participated:

VII. REFERENCES

At least **two** written letters of recommendation must be submitted from a supervisor, colleague, or instructor. These letters of recommendation may be mailed with your application or sent separately.

I wish to be considered as a candidate for the nursing scholarships available at Evangelical Community Hospital. I understand that these scholarships are awarded, and can be renewed, on a yearly basis for a maximum of four years. Scholarship renewal may be possible by providing evidence of my continued interest in the profession of nursing and satisfactory standing in the nursing program to this scholarship committee.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Please include an essay with this application providing information on why you are pursuing nursing as a career choice, or wish to advance your nursing degree, and a copy of your official acceptance letter to an accredited nursing program, any other information you feel pertinent to help us evaluate your application. Return to:

WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital
Nursing Scholarships Program
One Hospital Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837