

The Edith Cavell Nursing Scholarship Fund

Philanthropy of the Dallas County Medical Society Alliance & Foundation

For over fifty years, the Edith Cavell Nursing Scholarship Fund has been awarding scholarships to exceptional nursing students in Dallas County. The scholarship was created in 1954 in memory of Edith Cavell, a British Nurse. She served as Matron of the first teaching hospital in Belgium and then joined the Red Cross after German occupation in World War I. She cared for wounded soldiers of all nationalities and assisted hundreds of captured Allied soldiers with their escape to neutral Holland. She was arrested by German authorities and was later the first female executed by firing squad for her “crime”.

Applications are accepted each spring from students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Nursing. All applicants must meet the minimum requirements as prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the Edith Cavell Nursing Scholarship Fund. The board reviews all applications and scholarship awards are granted to outstanding applicants with a dedication to bedside nursing in Dallas County. Scholarships are awarded for up to one year at a time and may be renewed for a total of four semesters, if the recipient continues to comply with the scholarship requirements.

All applicants and continuing scholars must:

1. Be a resident of Dallas county
2. Be a full time student
3. Be accepted by an accredited baccalaureate nursing program in Dallas County
4. Demonstrate a need for the financial aid to pursue academic study
5. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0
6. Attend the Recognition Event in the fall if time permits. (The Recognition Event provides an opportunity for the scholarship recipients in an informal setting to meet other students and to engage in mentoring relationships with donors, including some who are professional nurses and are excited to provide student support and career advice.)

Application Requirements and Checklist:

1. Completed application
2. Letter of acceptance from an accredited nursing program
3. Official transcript through the most recently completed semester
4. Letter of recommendation from a professor who is familiar with the applicant’s academic abilities
5. Character reference from a person in good standing in the community (may not be a relative)
6. A small photograph of the applicant

Completed application form and all supporting materials will be accepted until June 1, 2017.

Please send to:

**Cheri Whitten
2924 Daniel Avenue
Dallas, TX 75205**

**cheriwhitten@hotmail.com
972-523-3911**

**The Edith Cavell Nursing Scholarship Fund
2017-2018 Application**

Full Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Physical Address: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ State of Legal Residence: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

Your marital status as of today: Single Married date: _____

What will your grade level (J1, J2, S1, S2) be in Fall 2016? _____

Nursing School that you are attending or have been accepted into: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

How did you hear about the Edith Cavell Nursing Scholarship? _____

Please list any family members, relatives and/or friends who are members of the Dallas County Medical Society Alliance?

Family Information

Father's highest level of education: _____

Father's current profession: _____

(If self-employed, specifically describe his line of work)

Mother's highest level of education: _____

Mother's current profession: _____

(If self-employed, specifically describe her line of work)

Spouse's highest level of education: _____

Spouse's current profession: _____

(If self-employed, specifically describe their line of work)

Student Finances

If you are employed, please share the number of hours you work per week, your employer, and a brief discussion of your job performance.

What was your (and your spouse's, if applicable) *Adjusted Gross Income* for 2015?

Please list any children that you support: _____

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? _____

Academia and Awards and Personal Statements

Please list all previously earned degrees or credits from colleges and universities attended:

Please explain your need for financial aid:

Honors and Awards received:

Community Service/volunteer work

Please answer the following questions, use additional space if necessary.

1. How and when did you become interested in Nursing as a profession?

2. What appeals to you most about the field of Nursing?

3. Where do you see yourself in five years?

4. What challenges do you expect to face during your career as a Nurse?

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this application is true, correct, complete and made in good faith. I understand that false or fraudulent information on or attached to this application may be grounds for denial of the scholarship award. I understand that any information I give may be investigated.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant

Date

Send completed application, letter of Nursing school acceptance, letters of recommendation, transcript to:

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