

# ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

## **EMELINE HAMILTON PH.D. DISSERTATION AWARD**

Michigan State University (MSU) College of Nursing (CON) established this award to acknowledge exceptional dissertation work by a MSU CON PhD graduate who received his/her degree within the last academic year.

Eligible applicants should contact the Office of Student Affairs [con.nurse@msu.edu](mailto:con.nurse@msu.edu) for more information on the application process for this award.

## **GEORGE AND MARGARET LORIMER PARSONS NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

An educator for more than 40 years, the late Margaret F. Lorimer began her teaching career in elementary education in 1934. She also taught at secondary school, junior college, and university levels in the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Texas and Michigan. Margaret earned her bachelor's degree in English at Park University, her master's degree in English-Education at Northwestern University, and her doctorate degree in Education from Michigan State University. She and her late husband, George Parsons, were longtime supporters of Michigan State University and have established two other scholarships at the University in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Education.

Established through a charitable bequest, this scholarship provides financial assistance to eligible students enrolled in the College of Nursing who are in good academic standing and have a minimum of third year status as an undergraduate student or are matriculating through a graduate or accelerated degree option program.

## **GILBERT AND LEONA SCHUMANN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by Dr. Barbara Given, Michigan State University College of Nursing, University Distinguished Professor, to honor the lives of her parents, Gilbert and Leona Schumann. It was Gilbert Schumann, who died on April 18, 1993, who inspired the creation of this scholarship. Gilbert was a farmer, husband, loving father and grandfather. Leona Schumann died on September 23, 2007, after several years of declining mobility. She had a long life as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Gilbert's long battle with ill health raised concerns with Leona and their children about the adequacy of care that the elderly receive. It is for this reason that the Gilbert and Leona Schumann Scholarship will always be awarded to nursing students who exhibit a commitment to the care of elderly.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to NP graduate students enrolled in the College's advanced degree programs with a focus in gerontology. Students shall be selected on a basis of academic merit with a minimum 3.5 GPA.

## **KATHLEEN NOWICKI SCHWARTZ AND MICHAEL SCHWARTZ ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Kathleen Nowicki Schwartz is a member of the College of Nursing BSN class of 1971, as well as the MSU College of Business Executive MBA class of 1985 and has held various management positions in nursing and hospital administration since graduation Michigan State University. Her husband, Michael Schwartz, served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966 and has held faculty appointments at various Universities as well leadership roles in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Members of the Jonathan L. Snyder Society, Kathy and Mike have established an endowed fund in the College of Nursing to enhance the excellence of the College, and have funded a student commons in the Bott Building for Nursing Education and Research. In addition to their financial support, Kathy and Mike are very passionate about giving back through volunteerism. Kathy has remained heavily involved in MSU alumni engagement efforts as well as other community activities, while Mike has served on many local and state health agency boards.

The recipient of this scholarship shall be enrolled in the PhD program with a desired interest in becoming a nurse educator.

### **KRYSTAL K. OWENS "YOU'RE NOT ALONE" SCHOLARSHIP**

Qualified recipients must identify with one or more of the following criteria: first-generation college student, financial need, individuals who exhibit leadership skills in the face of adversity or who have overcome significant obstacles as indicated in a personal statement, an active participant of the ACCESS program or future successor program, or a student who has demonstrated a commitment to enhancing diversity in the nursing workforce through current or past experiences including, but not limited to volunteer opportunities, completed coursework, community outreach involvement, or a personal statement.

### **LEHTO-MILLER PHD STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**

This fellowship was established by Drs. Rebecca Lehto and James Miller. Dr. Lehto completed her undergraduate nursing education at Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland OR, and graduate/postdoctoral students at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor prior to coming to Michigan State University. Dr. Lehto's clinical experiences as an oncology nurse sensitized her to the multifaceted challenges that patients with cancer face, problems that contributed to later research direction that focuses on cancer adaptation. Together with her husband, Dr. James Miller (Engineering Professor Emeritus at University of Michigan), they wish to promote the enrollment and continuing support of nurses pursuing their PhD at the MSU College of Nursing, with the hope that such students would build a program of nursing research and a career that would contribute to nursing science in a research-intensive academic program.

### **THE BRADLEY AND VIRGINIA ORMES ENDOWMENT FOR BREASTFEEDING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

The scholarship will be awarded based on the following priority list:

- A student who has expressed an interest in a nursing career with a specific focus on mother & baby, which includes lactation education.
- A student who wants to attend a professional conference or other educational opportunity pertaining to lactation education/consultation.
- A student interested in research who needs assistance with a project that includes baby & mother nutrition involving lactation/breastfeeding.

### **ROBERT AND ANNETTE KONUPEK COLLEGE OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship will be awarded to a Graduate student, Michigan resident; pursuing an advanced degree; preference to those enrolled in the NP program or have demonstrated an interest in working in pediatrics or public health through extracurricular activities, research, completed course work, or a written statement.

### **SERGEANT LEONARD BERNARD GRAHAM III NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Established by his beloved parents, this scholarship honors USMC Sergeant Leonard Bernard Graham III whose goal was to attend Michigan State University College of Nursing. Leonard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2008 to make a difference in the world. He served in Afghanistan and received many citations for his bravery. Leonard always cared about the needs of others before his own. His life ended tragically on September 20, 2013.

To help keep Leonard's dream alive, this scholarship will provide financial assistance to a Michigan State University College of Nursing student. Priority will be given to a student who is an active Marine, reservist, or honorably discharged veteran of any armed branch.

# ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

## **CAROL J. LARSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Kathy Bobay, College of Nursing MSN alum '94, established the Carol J. Larson Scholarship after her mother. Carol earned an Associate's degree, Bachelor of Arts, and a Master's degree in Counseling. Although she had five children, she was enrolled in a Master's in Library Science Program while working as a VP Registrar at a local community college when she passed.

A Jackson, Michigan native, Kathy has honored her mother by following her example. After receiving an Associate's degree in nursing from Jackson Community College, Kathy earned a Bachelor's from Western Michigan University, and a Master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner from MSU. Following MSU, Kathy went on to earn her PhD in Nursing Administration from the University of Michigan and is currently a professor of Health Services Management and Nursing Informatics at Loyola University School of Nursing in Chicago.

Kathy has stated that her PhD degree, though tough, made her think differently about nursing and opened up opportunities she never knew existed. Set up to assist PhD nursing students, this fund is specifically meant to lessen the financial burden for students.

## **COLLEGE OF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

The mission of the College of Nursing at Michigan State University is to enhance the health of the community by providing excellence in nursing education, research and practice that will advance the profession of nursing and serve as an advocate for optimal healthcare for all people.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing a degree from the College of Nursing. Recipients must demonstrate sound academic achievement and leadership involvement in community service activities.

## **CVS FOUNDATION MSN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund is presented by the CVS Health Foundation in an effort to reduce the nationwide shortage of Family Nurse Practitioners, and will provide support for four College of Nursing students in pursuit of their master's-level education.

Students eligible for this award must be in good academic standing, be interested in a career as a Family Nurse Practitioner, and intern/volunteer his or her time with an organization that supports underserved populations. Twenty-five percent of scholarship dollars are to be awarded to fluent speaking bilingual students.

## **DEAN CARPENTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Dean Carpenter, 62 worked as a nurse practitioner at the Neighborhood Service Organization Tumaini Center in Detroit. At the Tumaini Center he provided medical outreach to the homeless and disadvantaged and acted as a preceptor to medical and nursing students at Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Wayne State University. Dean's true passion was providing medical outreach to the homeless population in Detroit where he endeavored daily to positively impact lives.

Recipients shall be selected on the basis of satisfactorily progression towards the completion of a Nurse Practitioner degree in the College of Nursing and have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA. Preference will be given to those who are committed to providing service to those who are economically disadvantaged (special consideration should be given to those involved in MSU's Street Care Detroit program or Street Medicine Detroit) and to those whose have lived in Detroit or the metro-Detroit area (defined as Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties).

### **DR. BARBARA PIEPER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Drs. David and Barbara Pieper established this scholarship in recognition of Barbara (Datres) Pieper's BSN education at MSU (1970) that began a nursing career that she cherished. Besides excellence in course experiences, she had the opportunity as an undergraduate student to participate on Dr. Barbara Given's nursing research. She pursued an MSN (1971) and PhD (1980) in nursing from Wayne State University, Detroit.

Dr. Pieper integrated scholarship, teaching, and clinical practice by having a university-clinical appointment. Her research, publications, and clinical practice focused on chronic wounds and their care in persons who inject drugs. Like many students, Dr. Piper was first generation to graduate from college. She received a tuition scholarship to attend MSU and understands how critical scholarship money is.

The scholarship is awarded to a recipient based on satisfactory progression towards completion of a BSN degree in the College of Nursing, enrolled in the ACCESS program, entering the senior year of college and has a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

### **KNOWING DIVERSITY'S ESSENTIAL (KDE) SCHOLARSHIP**

Kendra Elam (BSN '04) established this fund in an effort to support worthy and capable students who are enrolled in the College of Nursing's ACCESS to education program. In 2010, the College began expanding opportunities for diversity and inclusion initiatives, resulting in the need for a new academic specialist. Over her years as a nurse, Kendra has engaged in a great deal of research regarding underserved and disadvantaged populations, making her the perfect candidate for the job.

Since her hiring and subsequent formation of the ACCESS program, Kendra has guided and mentored dozens of students from underserved populations within the College of Nursing. The ACCESS program aids students through educational and financial resources, with the ultimate goal of obtaining a BSN degree and registered-nurse licensure. It is Kendra's hope that the presence of KDE scholarship recipients will serve as a reminder of how essential diverse voices are in the healthcare community.

### **SUSAN VARBEDIAN LUCKEN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by Susan Varbedian Lucken, a 1983 BSN graduate of the MSU College of Nursing, who enjoyed a successful and rewarding 30 year nursing career at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI. Established to help deserving students realize their dreams, this annual scholarship will be awarded to one upper level BSN student in their last two years of college, who is a Michigan resident and who has a minimum of a 3.4 GPA. The scholarship can be renewed for one additional year as long as the student remains in the BSN program and meets the academic qualifications.

### **VISITING NURSES SCHOLARSHIP**

The Visiting Nurses Scholarship, managed by the Capital Region Community Foundation, was established to help defray the costs of education and certification of nursing students, especially in the field of homecare.

### **WILLIAM AND MARGARET ALBRETS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by Bill and Margaret Albrets to encourage students who have demonstrated the capacity to achieve educational and professional goals, the motivation to achieve these goals and the initiative to seek opportunities to further their progress.

This scholarship provides financial assistance to undergraduate students in the MSU College of Nursing who demonstrate financial need and who have maintained a 3.0 or GPA.