

**APPLICATION
2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR**

STATEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

**Sue Fischer Scholarship for Nursing Excellence
Mercy & Unity Hospitals Foundation**

General Information

The Mercy & Unity Hospitals Foundation has established the Sue Fischer Scholarship for Nursing Excellence. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for nursing students to pursue their academic studies, not to exclude approved internships or professional training. The fund is in memory of the late Sue Fischer in honor of her years of dedicated service to patients and the nursing profession.

Information on the scholarship and the application form can be obtained from: Sue Fischer Scholarship Fund, c/o Kenna Dooley, Senior Development Associate, Mercy & Unity Hospitals Foundation, 7590 Lyric Lane NE, Route 53213, Fridley, MN 55432, or by calling 763-236-3964 or 763-236-3966. The completed application must be received by the Foundation by **May 20, 2011**. Please do not send your application electronically. The award will be presented in June 2011.

Recipients will be selected by the Scholarship Screening Committee on the basis of meeting the eligibility criteria. Former recipients are not eligible.

The Committee will be sponsored by the Foundation and will include at least one representative of Mercy & Unity Hospitals' Foundation and at least one representative of the Fischer Family. All participants will be notified in writing of the results of the Committee's decision.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must demonstrate some degree of financial need.
2. Applicant must be a full or part time student enrolled in a baccalaureate degree nursing program and have accumulated enough credit hours to be at least at a Junior level. The applicant also may be an associate degree student returning to school or transferring for a baccalaureate degree nursing program or graduate degree nursing program.
3. Applicant must be in good academic standing.
4. Applicant must have demonstrated a commitment of service to others through employment, volunteer service, community service, etc.
5. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Minnesota.
6. Applicant must be enrolled in a higher educational institution in Minnesota.

APPLICATION MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN OR LEGIBLE AND IN BLACK INK

**SUE FISCHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE
APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant _____

Current Address _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (evening) _____

E-mail
address _____

Attach a résumé including educational, volunteer and employment experiences.

Financial Information

Name of Applicant _____

(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)
Social Security Number _____ Male _____ Female _____

APPLICANT STATUS

You must answer the following question:

Did or will your parent(s) claim you as a 2009 _____ Yes _____ No
dependent for income tax purposes in: 2010 _____ Yes _____ No

How much assistance (in dollars) did you receive from your parents during the 2009-2010 school year? _____

How much assistance (in dollars) will you receive from your parents during the 2010-2011 school year? _____

Indicate your estimates of expenses for the 2011-2012 school year in the following categories:

Tuition _____
Room and Board _____
Books _____
Other Expenses _____
TOTAL _____

List all firm sources of income for 2011-2012 school year in the following categories:

Scholarships, awards, financial aid _____

Work _____
Parents _____
Other (explain) _____
TOTAL _____

What additional sources of income do you anticipate that are not yet confirmed, such as scholarships or aid applied for but not confirmed?

Indicate the total debt for which you are personally legally responsible. _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(married students must include spouse's information)

1. Total size of applicant's household _____.
2. 2010 non-taxable income _____ (Social Security, VA benefits, child support, AFDC, unemployment, any non-taxable income).
3. 2010 adjusted gross income _____.

Do you plan to work this summer? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you plans to work during the school year? _____ Yes _____ No

Estimate your income available to you next year _____.

I voluntarily give the Scholarship Committee the right to make a thorough investigation of my past employment, activities, education and training record. I voluntarily agree to cooperate in such investigation and release from all liability or responsibility all persons, companies, corporations or schools supplying such information. I agree that the decision of the Sue Fischer Scholarship for Nursing Excellence Screening Committee will be final.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Completed application, résumé, copy of most recent academic transcript, and name, address and telephone contact number of two current references (teachers, supervisors and/or community service leaders) should be sent to:

Kenna Dooley
Mercy & Unity Hospitals Foundation
7590 Lyric Lane NE – Mail Route 53213
Fridley, MN 55432

Please answer the following 6 questions and attach additional pages as necessary:

1. Caring was a core value reflected by Sue Fischer. What does caring mean to you?

2. How or why did you select Nursing as a career?

3. What are your professional and career goals?

4. Briefly describe volunteer or other community service that was not a part of an academic curriculum. How has this service impacted you?

5. What are your circumstances that make financial aid necessary?

6. What is your connection to Mercy & Unity Hospitals?

******* INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED *******