

## **Nursing and Health Care Career Scholarships available from New Ulm Medical Center**

NEW ULM, Minn. (January 2025) — Scholarships are available for the 2025-2026 school year for students who are currently pursuing their nursing degree, nurse practitioner/physician assistant degree or a degree in a health care related field.

The following health care scholarships are available through the New Ulm Medical Center. If you have questions, please send email to [vonda.dulas@allina.com](mailto:vonda.dulas@allina.com). Scholarship applications are due April 1, 2025.

**The Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship** will be awarded to a student who resides in New Ulm or the surrounding area and is pursuing a degree in a health care field. Applicants must have been accepted into an accredited health care program. One \$5,000 scholarship will be given to one recipient pursuing a degree in health care.

**The Carol L. Ryberg Nursing Scholarship** is available for students who are residents of Brown County and have been accepted into an accredited BA or BSN nursing program at a post-secondary institution. One \$5,000 scholarship will be given to one recipient pursuing a nursing degree.

**A second scholarship by Carol L. Ryberg** is available for students who are residents of Brown County who are pursuing a Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant degree. One \$7,500 scholarship will be given to one recipient pursuing either degree.

**The Kay Witt Nursing Scholarship** is available to students who are New Ulm or surrounding area residents and have been accepted in an accredited BSN degree program at a post-secondary institution and intend to pursue a career at New Ulm Medical Center. One \$2,500 scholarship will be given to one recipient pursuing a nursing degree.

**The Dr. Marc and Lori Burkhart Medical Scholarship** is available for students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing or medical school. One \$5,000 scholarship will be given to one recipient pursuing a nursing or medical school degree.

Please review information regarding application guidelines and criteria for eligibility of each scholarship. We wish all area students the very best!

# Scholarship Application

New Ulm Medical Center

Please check the following scholarship(s) you wish to apply for (you may apply for more than one)\*:

- Charlotte West Anderson **Medical Career** Scholarship       Kay Witt **Nursing** Scholarship  
 Carol L. Ryberg Nursing **BSN** Scholarship       Dr. Marc and Lori Burkhardt **Medical**  
 Carol L. Ryberg **NP/PA** Scholarship      Scholarship

*\*Please note eligibility, process and selection criteria requirements are different for each scholarship, so ensure the requirements of the scholarships of which you are applying are reflected in your application. You are invited to apply for each scholarship of which you are eligible. Each scholarship requires a personal essay along with copies of additional documentation. Applicants are required to submit **one essay and one copy of accompanied documentation**, which can be used for each corresponding scholarship being applied for. Application must be typed and only one application is required. Please do not staple the application.*

**Please save file to your desktop or file storage area prior to filling out application.**

## Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Educational Information

School Name/Address	Course Major/Minor	Last Year Attended	Duration of Time Attended	Diploma Degree	G.P.A.
<b>High School</b>					
<b>College/University</b>					
<b>Other</b>					

## Employment Experience (please list most recent to least recent)

1) Employer Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_

2) Employer Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_

3) Employer Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving \_\_\_\_\_

Describe significant volunteer, school or community involvement:

Describe academic and career goals:

What are your expected education expenses for the 2025-26 school year (e.g., tuition, room and board, fees and books) and how do you plan to finance them?

### Program Acceptance

Check the program in which you are currently enrolled:

L.P.N.  R.N. (2 Year)  R.N. - B.A./B.S.N. (4 Year)  M.S.N (Masters)  P.A.  N.P  M.D./D.O.

Other Program (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

(\*other only applicable to Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship)

Date accepted into program: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_

I certify all information in this application and required attachments are correct and will notify New Ulm Medical Center of any changes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Please ensure your completed application form, essay, letters of recommendation, transcripts, and acceptance letter from accredited program is post-marked or delivered to the Human Resources office by **April 1, 2025**:

New Ulm Medical Center  
Attn: Vonda Dulas  
1324 5<sup>th</sup> North Street  
New Ulm, MN 56073

# Charlotte West Anderson Scholarship Guidelines

New Ulm Medical Center

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Charlotte West Anderson established this scholarship in 2018. She has been a grateful recipient of professional health care throughout her ninety-one years of life. Her desire is to provide financial assistance to individuals who wish to pursue a career in helping others to reach their maximum level of well-being. One \$5,000 scholarship will be given to one recipient pursuing **a degree in a health care field** for the 2025-2026 school year.

## Eligibility

The scholarship will be awarded to a resident in the New Ulm area. Applicants must have been accepted into an accredited health care program acceptable to the scholarship trustees. For example, a nursing program must be accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA). The health care education may be from a two-or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school. Recipient may be awarded a renewed scholarship in next academic year. (See criteria below).

## Process

Applications must be typed and must include:

- Completed Scholarship Program Application.
- Essay of 250-300 words on the reasons for choosing a health care career. Include educational goals, community involvement and/or volunteer services
- Two letters of recommendation from someone other than a family member.
- Official transcript of courses completed.
- Acceptance letter from nursing or health care program.
- Proof that nursing program is accredited by CCNE or CNEA.

## Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to the following:

- A resident of the New Ulm area, for instance - Cambria, Courtland, Essig, Klossner, Lafayette, Searles and Sleepy Eye.
- Academic performance of 3.0 or better supported by an official sealed transcript.
- Community involvement and/or volunteer services.
- Educational goals that complement commitment to providing the highest quality of health care.
- Essays will be judged on clarity, personal commitment, originality, and innovative ideas.
- All applications will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers and staff at New Ulm Medical Center.

## Criteria

- Award must be used during the academic year of 2025-2026.
- The scholarship award will be sent directly to the school on behalf of the recipient.
- The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, uniforms, and required equipment and supplies.
- Any unused funds must be reimbursed to the New Ulm Medical Center within six months of receipt of funds.
- Recipients who meet the criteria will be eligible for a yearly scholarship.
- To be eligible for a renewal scholarship, student must earn a GPA of 2.5 or above, submit a sealed official transcript, and a letter requesting the scholarship for another year.
- Applicant must also submit two reference letters from two different instructors employed by the school the student is attending. This renewal application must be submitted by same deadline and to the same address as the initial application.

## Contact Information

For questions, please contact Vonda Dulas at the New Ulm Medical Center at 507-217-5360.

# Carol L. Ryberg LPN/BSN Scholarship Guidelines

New Ulm Medical Center

The Carol L. Ryberg Scholarship is made possible through a generous donation by Carol L. Ryberg. One \$5,000 scholarship will be given to one recipient pursuing a **nursing degree** for the 2025-2026 school year.

Carol L. Ryberg, pursued her nursing degree at the age of 28 in the midst of raising children. After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1974, she worked in surgery and emergency care before finding her calling in public health. Having served in various positions with Brown County Public Health for over 30 years, including home care visits, immunizations, and well-baby visits, Carol found this to be such a joyful career. Her scholarship was established in 2012 and she hopes that recipients will find nursing to be challenging, relevant and fulfilling-everything a career should be.

## Eligibility

The scholarship will be awarded to a resident of Brown County, Minnesota who has been accepted and will be entering or continuing an accredited nursing degree program this fall (**B.A./B.S.N.**) at a post-secondary institution.

## Process

- Applications need to be typed and include:
  - Completed application.
  - Essay (250 – 350 words) relating to the role of nursing in health care today and the applicant's philosophy of nursing, personal career goals and plans in a health care setting.
  - Two letters of recommendation, one from someone other than a family member. (One letter should be from a non-school person.)
  - Transcript of courses completed, ACT and/or SAT test scores.
  - Acceptance letter from nursing program.

## Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to the following:

- A previous recipient who has maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better in the previous academic year are eligible.
- Past academic performance of 2.5 GPA or better.
- Social and community involvement.
- Essays will be judged on the basis of clarity, personal commitment, originality and innovative ideas.
- All applications will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers and staff at New Ulm Medical Center.

## Criteria

- Award must be used during the academic year of 2025-2026.
- The scholarship award will be sent directly to the school on behalf of the recipient.
- If the recipient does not use the award or drops out of school for any reason, he/she will reimburse the New Ulm Medical Center the full amount of the award within six months of receipt.

## Contact Information

For questions, please contact Vonda Dulas at the New Ulm Medical Center at 507-217-5360.

# Carol L. Ryberg NP/PA Scholarship Guidelines

New Ulm Medical Center

The Carol L. Ryberg Scholarship is made possible through a generous donation by Carol L. Ryberg. One \$7,500 scholarship will be given to a recipient pursuing a **Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistant degree** for the 2025-2026 school year.

Carol L. Ryberg, pursued her nursing degree at the age of 28 in the midst of raising children. After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1974, she worked in surgery and emergency care before finding her calling in public health. Having served in various positions with Brown County Public Health for over 30 years, including home care visits, immunizations, and well-baby visits, Carol found this to be such a joyful career. Her scholarship was established in 2012 and she hopes that recipients will find nursing to be challenging, relevant and fulfilling-everything a career should be.

## Eligibility

The scholarship will be awarded to a resident of Brown County, Minnesota who has been accepted and will be entering or continuing an accredited degree program this fall (NP/PA) at a post-secondary institution.

## Process

- Applications need to be typed and include:
  - Completed application.
  - Essay (250 – 350 words) relating to a career in health care today and the applicant's philosophy of nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, personal career goals and plans in a health care setting.
  - Two letters of recommendation, one from someone other than a family member. (One letter should be from a non-school person.)
  - Transcript of courses completed, ACT and/or SAT test scores.
  - Acceptance letter from the NP/PA program.

## Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to the following:

- A previous recipient who has maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better in the previous academic year are eligible.
- Past academic performance of 2.5 GPA or better.
- Social and community involvement.
- Essays will be judged on the basis of clarity, personal commitment, originality and innovative ideas.
- All applications will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers and staff at New Ulm Medical Center.

## Criteria

- Award must be used during the academic year of 2025-2026.
- The scholarship award will be sent directly to the school on behalf of the recipient.
- If the recipient does not use the award or drops out of school for any reason, he/she will reimburse the New Ulm Medical Center the full amount of the award within six months of receipt.

## Contact Information

For questions, please contact Vonda Dulas at the New Ulm Medical Center at 507-217-5360.

# Kay Witt Scholarship Guidelines

New Ulm Medical Center

The Kay Witt Scholarship is made possible through a generous donation by DuWayne and Kay Witt and is made in honor of all nurses who dedicate their lives to caring for others. One \$2,500 scholarship will be given to one recipient pursuing a **nursing degree** for the 2025-2026 school year.

Kay spent over 40 years in nursing. She began her nursing career in 1973 at Union Hospital in New Ulm which later through consolidations became New Ulm Medical Center. In the early years of her career she worked on Med/Surg and Geriatrics as and LPN. In 1985, she began working on the Substance Abuse Unit and later on the Psychiatric Unit where she continued her career until retirement in 2014. Kay spent 29 years of her career as an LPN and the remaining 12 years as an RN, retiring in a nurse management position in mental health. Her scholarship was established in 2015.

## Eligibility

The scholarship award will be awarded to a resident in the New Ulm or the surrounding area who has been accepted and will be in an accredited Bachelor of Science Nursing degree program at a post-secondary institution and intends to pursue a career at New Ulm Medical Center. Applicants who have not been formally accepted into a nursing program are not eligible.

## Process

- Applications should be typed and need to include:
  - Completed application.
  - Essay (250 – 350 words) focused on the applicant's personal philosophy of delivering nursing care to their patients and their patients' families.
  - Two letters of recommendation from someone other than a family member. (One letter should be from a non-school person.)
  - Transcript of courses completed, ACT and/or SAT test scores.
  - Acceptance letter from nursing program.

## Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to the following:

- A resident in the New Ulm or surrounding area.
- Academic performance of 3.0 GPA or better.
- Social and community involvement.
- Educational career goals that complement New Ulm Medical Center's "Commitment to Care."
- Essays will be judged on the basis of clarity, personal commitment, originality and innovative ideas.
- All applications will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers and staff at New Ulm Medical Center.

## Criteria

- Award must be used during the academic year of 2025-2026.
- The scholarship award will be sent directly to the school on behalf of the recipient.
- If the recipient does not use the award or drops out of school for any reason, he/she will reimburse the New Ulm Medical Center the full amount of the award within six months of receipt.

## Contact Information

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# Dr. Marc and Lori Burkhart Medical Scholarship Guidelines

New Ulm Medical Center

The Dr. Marc and Lori Burkhart Scholarship was established in 2021. One \$5,000 scholarship will be given to one recipient in a **bachelor's degree in nursing program or medical school** for the 2025-2026 school year.

By age 5, Lori knew she wanted to be a nurse just like her great aunt Helen. That desire never wavered during her 41-year career as a nurse, 28 years of those at New Ulm Medical Center. She enjoyed the flexibility and variety of this career at NUMC, working part time as a preoperative educator, procedure nurse, CPR instructor, recovery room nurse, developer of a public access defibrillator program in the New Ulm area, EMT for 13 years and assisting with the implementation of the computerized medical records at NUMC.

When Marc was 7 years old, his mother showed him a magazine article, "Where Are Tomorrows Doctors?" There was nobody in his family that was in a medical field. He thought at that time that "I can be one" and so that was his goal through elementary school, high school, and college. He was only able to achieve this goal through the help of financial aid at Morningside College and committing to a Public Health Service Scholarship at the University of Iowa College of Medicine and so he would like to help somebody else in a similar situation. Marc has had the opportunity to deliver over 6400 babies in Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Florida and during the last 33 years of his practice at New Ulm Medical Center. He was also Chief of the Medical Staff for 3 decades and helped implement Allina's electronic medical record.

## Eligibility/Process

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of New Ulm Area High Schools who has been accepted and will be entering or continuing an accredited nursing degree program this fall (**B.A./B.S.N.**) at a post-secondary institution, or medical school.

- Applications need to be typed and include:
  - Completed application.
  - Essay (250 – 350 words): Who/what influenced you in the decision to choose the medical career path or profession.
  - Two letters of recommendation, one from someone other than a family member. (One letter should be from a non-school person.)
  - Transcript of courses completed, ACT and/or SAT test scores.
  - Acceptance letter from nursing/medical program.

## Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to the following:

- A previous recipient who has maintained a GPA of 3.0 or better in the previous academic year are eligible.
- Past academic performance of 2.5 GPA or better.
- Social and community involvement.
- Essays will be judged based on clarity, personal commitment, originality, and innovative ideas.
- All applications will be reviewed by a committee of volunteers and staff at New Ulm Medical Center.

## Criteria

- Award must be used during the academic year of 2025-2026.
- The scholarship award will be sent directly to the school on behalf of the recipient.
- If the recipient does not use the award or drops out of school for any reason, he/she will reimburse the Foundation the full amount of the award within six months of receipt.

## ***Recipients who meet the criteria will be eligible for a yearly scholarship:***

- To be eligible for a renewal scholarship, student must earn a GPA of 3.25 or higher or passing all classes in medical school, submit a sealed official transcript, and a letter requesting the scholarship for another year.
- Applicant must also submit two reference letters from two different instructors employed by the school the student is attending. This renewal application must be submitted by same deadline and to the same address as the initial application.

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