



*Employment of registered nurses is projected to **grow 7 percent from 2019 to 2029**, faster than the average for all occupations.*

*--Bureau of Labor and Statistics*

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Blanchard Valley Health System (BVHS) has the privilege of offering community students and BVHS associates scholarship opportunities to pursue healthcare careers including nursing.

This year, all Blanchard Valley Health System scholarships will be submitted through a single online, common Community Student Application form. You may direct students to the Blanchard Valley website to apply: [www.bvhealthsystem.org/scholarships](http://www.bvhealthsystem.org/scholarships). Community students will use the single form and submit once for all scholarships. Students will attach a resume, cover letter, transcripts and, if appropriate a letter of acceptance to their nursing school. Nursing students must be entering at least their second year of their degree to be eligible for scholarships.

Enclosed you will find the 2021 spreadsheet of available scholarships through the Blanchard Valley Health Foundation. For questions regarding scholarships listed, you may contact our office at 419-423-5457

Thank you,

Marie Swaisgood  
Blanchard Valley Health Foundation

Enclosures

*\*The Blanchard Valley Health System Auxiliary and Greater Northwest Ohio Diabetes Scholarships are available on our website, but are not administered by the Health Foundation. Separate applications will apply.*



Scholarship Name	Who should apply?	Pursuing What?	Typical Award	Deadline
<b>Kathleen Higgins Endowed Scholarship *</b>	Nursing students entering at least their sophomore year with permanent address in BVHS Service Area	The Health Care Field	\$500	1-Apr
<b>Sherri Winegardner Endowed Nursing Scholarship</b>	Nursing students entering at least their sophomore year with permanent address in BVHS Service Area	A nursing degree or advanced nursing degree	\$500	1-Apr
<b>Karis S. (Powell) Woodward, RN, Nursing Scholarship</b>	Nursing students entering at least their sophomore year with permanent address in BVHS Service Area	A bachelor of science degree in nursing (Renewable)	\$500	1-Apr
<b>Kristine Mullen Memorial Scholarship</b>	Nursing students entering at least their sophomore year with permanent address in BVHS Service Area	Students interested in critical care, advancement in nursing, nursing education	\$500	1-Apr
<b>Barbara Miles Nursing Scholarship</b>	Nursing students entering at least their sophomore year with permanent address in BVHS Service Area	A nursing degree or advanced nursing degree or specialty training via certification. Special consideration for emergency or hospice.	\$1,000	1-Apr
<b>Phyllis Zimmer Endowed Scholarship *</b>	BVHS associates and family members with permanent address in BVHS Service Area	A Registered Nursing Degree or higher, preference given to obstetrics	\$500	1-Apr
<b>Maxine Snyder Endowed Scholarship</b>	Exemplary BVHS RNs employed for at least one year	An advanced healthcare degree or specialty training via certification or masters preparation	\$1,500	1-Apr
<b>Karen S. Jones Nursing Certification Scholarship</b>	Exemplary RNs at BVH or Bluffton practicing for 2 or more years	Scholarship provides for review course or certification exam in their specialty	\$500	1-Apr
<b>BVHS Associate Professional Development Fund</b>	BVHS associates	Any certification training, higher education or organized class on topics relevant to BVHS. Not restricted to nursing	Up to \$500	1-Jun and 1-Dec

<b>Barbara L. Plaugher Nursing Scholarship</b>	Bluffton and Blanchard Valley Hospital Nurses	Any current nurse seeking further professional education through an advance degree in nursing or healthcare sciences	Up to \$500	1-Apr
<b>Michael Lachman Memorial Scholarship</b>	Exemplary BVHS associates	Board certification or renewal in Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	Varies	1-Apr

\*Indicates preference given based on financial need

**<http://www.bvhealthsystem.org/scholarships>**

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