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The purpose of this program is to encourage Associates to further their professional and technical skills by offering financial assistance for educational courses or degree programs through accredited institutions. The focus of this support is on programs that will provide eligible Associates with an opportunity to enhance job performance and job satisfaction, as well as improve their opportunity for career advancement. It is expected that this support will further improve the quality of services provided to the communities served by Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast (SHHEC).

## DEFINITIONS

**Associate:** An employee of SHHEC who provides services on a regular basis in exchange for compensation, receives a W-2, and who does not provide these services as an independent business contractor.

**Employment Hours Eligibility:** Associates who work full-time (80 hours bi-weekly) or part-time (48 hours bi-weekly).

The SHHEC Volunteer Guild makes donations to the Foundations of Northwest Florida State College and the University of West Florida, to be used to provide scholarships of up to \$1,000 for SHHEC Associates working towards a degree in the healthcare field.

### **NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE (NWFSC):**

Northwest Florida State College Foundation Scholarships assist students with tuition and books. **The application process begins for the Fall 2016 Semester on February 1, 2016, and has a March 31, 2016 deadline.** Foundation scholarship recipients for Nursing and Allied Health Programs are selected in July, after students have been admitted to the Nursing and Allied Health programs. For more information regarding NWFSC Foundation Scholarships, please contact the NWFSC Financial Aid Office at 850-729-5370. Applications are available at <https://nwfsc.academicworks.com/opportunities/4124>.

### **UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA (UWF):**

University of West Florida Scholarships assists students with tuition or other educational expenses such as books, uniforms and fees. **The deadline to submit an application is the last Friday in May (May 26, 2016).** Students should complete the application below and return it as a pdf file to [ekiehl@uwf.edu](mailto:ekiehl@uwf.edu), or mail a hard copy via US mail to the Attn: Dr. Ermalynn M. Kiehl, Dean, College of Health (Bldg. 53, Room 206), 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514-5750.

## Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast Guild Scholarship\* Scholarship Application Instructions

**\*This scholarship is only for associates working for Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast.**

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. Scholarship will be awarded to a student meeting enrollment requirements of the University of West Florida and maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. The recipient must be studying a discipline directly related to the hospital's work such as nursing, clinical lab sciences, medical informatics, health sciences, physical therapy, and related fields.
3. The amount of the award will be \$500 per semester per student, or more if deemed feasible by the UWF College of Health. Maximum award may not exceed the amount of tuition and matriculation fees. Should the balance allow more than one scholarship, multiple awards may be given.
4. The Dean or Scholarship Committee associated with UWF College of Health will select the recipient(s) on a first come, first serve basis, and will award the scholarship(s) and renewals commensurate with University policies.
5. Applicants must verify their current employment at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast by submitting a copy of their employee identification badge signed and dated by the hospital's Human Resources Department.
6. Scholarships may be renewed as long as the student is still in good standing at UWF and employed at Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast.

### Submission of the Scholarship Application:

Students should apply for this scholarship by submitting the completed application electronically via email to [ekiehl@uwf.edu](mailto:ekiehl@uwf.edu), or mail to Dr. Ermalynn M. Kiehl, Dean, College of Health (Bldg. 53, Room 206), 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514-5750.

### Important Dates:

Deadline to submit the scholarship application: **Last Friday in May (May 27, 2016)**

Planned date for decision: **Third Monday in June (June 20, 2016)**

Expected date of award: **Second Friday in August (August 12, 2016)**

### Notification:

Scholarships awardees will be notified by the College of Health Dean's office.

**NOTE:** These funds can be used for tuition or other educational expenses such as tuition, books, uniforms and fees.

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Scholarship Application**

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Print Legal Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Email Address:		
Area Code/Phone (Home)	(Cell)	
Check appropriate answer regarding your student status: <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursing: <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional BSN <input type="checkbox"/> RN to BSN Student <input type="checkbox"/> MSN Student <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical lab sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Health sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Medical informatics <input type="checkbox"/> Physical therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Other related field Name: _____		
Current Employer (If applicable):		
Supervisor's Name:	Phone:	
Dates of Employment:		
Position Title & Brief Description of Duties:		
Do you receive financial assistance from Bright Futures? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
List other scholarships/funds/grants (include amount) you currently receive.		
Signature		Date:
UWF Student Number: <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet assigned	Date of Birth:	

**\*NOTE: Incomplete & unsigned applications will not be reviewed**