



*The Elisabeth M. Berry, M.D., Health Careers Scholarship was created by the Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees in memory of Dr. Berry and her many years of service to Cottage Hospital. Providing our community with skilled, qualified hospital employees is a primary concern for us all and another step in assuring the continued good health of the people in our community.*

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funding to anyone from the surrounding communities, wishing to commit themselves to a career in nursing.

### **Steering Committee**

The Hospital Administration will review applications and applicants who best meet the scholarship criteria will be awarded.

### **Process**

The applicant will submit an application, with a written narrative expressing their reasons for seeking or advancing their career in nursing and explaining the need for financial assistance, and two letters of reference from non-relatives. If the applicant is a current student, a letter of support from the applicant's guidance counselor, teacher and an adult (other than a parent) is required. Applicants are also asked to provide a financial disclosure stating any financial assistance and/or scholarships they may already be in receipt of. **The application deadline is May 1st.** Once your application is received you will be set up with an interview with a member of Senior Staff at the hospital. If selected you will receive the initial scholarship of \$500. As a scholarship awardee, if you then become employed at the hospital you can renew the scholarship for an additional \$1,000 per year for up to 4 years totaling \$4,000, as long as you continue to work at the hospital.

### **Criteria**

Applicant must be a current resident of the Cottage Hospital service area who shows proof of acceptance with an accredited institution of higher learning in the nursing field. Applicant must demonstrate commitment to the health or social welfare of our community, be of average scholastic ability, and demonstrate financial need. *\*\* Current Cottage Hospital employees are not eligible for this scholarship; please see HR for current listing of funding opportunities.*

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