

**GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION**  
**BETTY L. LEISTER MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Background:

The Betty L. Leister Memorial Nursing Scholarship was established by her loving family following Betty's death in January 2011. Betty's love for nursing was realized once she graduated from the St. Luke's School of Nursing in Chicago where she could then pursue her dream working as a Registered Nursing in the St. Joseph County area. She worked in the Public Health Department, Sturgis Hospital, and the Doctor's Office, then ultimately passing on her knowledge as an instructor at Glen Oaks Community College; finishing her career with 13 years of teaching. After her retirement, Betty continued caring for those in need, caretaking was in her blood.

Betty was more than just an instructor at Glen Oaks she had a meaningful impact on her students; she provided support and kindness in a nurturing way that has stayed with those in the nursing profession. She was always positive and looked for the goodness in everyone. Betty lived and worked with the highest of moral and ethical standards and she always made her expectations known. Many people expressed fond memories of how Betty had a way of infusing humor in her teaching yet making her students feel they could succeed. It is fitting that her family felt strongly that in her name they continue to help students who want to also realize their dream of becoming a professional in the health field. This scholarship is being established, to continue what is already an outstanding program, to provide financial support to qualified individuals who plan to complete a nursing degree or certificate at Glen Oaks Community College. The Scholarship will serve to honor and substantially reward each year's recipients and to significantly enhance the nursing program as a recruitment and retention tool.

Eligibility:

- Any accepted Nursing student
- Students must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more)
- Student must have a cumulative gpa of 3.0 or higher in prerequisite coursework

Preferences:

- Given to Level II accepted student
- Shows participation in activities or demonstrates projects completed related to field of study

Selection Criteria:

- Academic ability, financial circumstances and career goals will be taken into consideration in selecting recipients

Selection Process:

- Student will be selected by the Scholarship Committee based on the above criteria
- Student may be identified out of high school by recommendations of their school counselor, teachers, or Hospital/Medical personnel

Maintenance Criteria:

- The recipient will be expected to maintain a semester GPA of at least 2.75 while receiving the scholarship

Use:

- The scholarship may be applied to education related expenses

Amount and Number of Awards:

- \$2,000 may be available in the school year beginning May 2011 to June 2012

Prior Recipients:

- Must reapply

Disbursements:

- The Office of Financial Aid will disburse the scholarship according to the standard school policy

Donors and their immediate families (spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild, sister or brother) are not eligible for assistance from the scholarship or grant for which they are the primary donor or for whom the fund is named.

This fund will be set up as a Temporarily Restricted fund where there are donor-imposed restrictions that permit the Foundation to use or expend the assets as specified. Distribution will begin immediately. If for any reason the fund is not expended, the Foundation, upon reasonable efforts to notify the donor, may award the principal amount for the intended purpose of the Fund until the funds are liquidated.

If, at any time, the College Foundation policies and procedures in effect for the administration of award and scholarship funds are changed, these provisions are automatically modified to conform. Whenever it appears that changing conditions make this plan no longer applicable, practical, or suited to the general purposes stated above, the College Foundation would confer with the donor or their representative to secure a modification of the plan. If the Foundation is unable to locate the donor or their representative after reasonable efforts, then the Foundation is authorized to utilize the fund for any other suitable related medical education purpose, so that the fund will provide the maximum service to the community through the advancement of higher education.