



THE MICHELE M. SPENCE MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST BE A GRADUATE OF RIDGWAY AREA HIGH SCHOOL AND ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED NURSING PROGRAM OR OTHER HEALTH RELATED FIELD AND DEMONSTRATES A PASSION FOR A HEALTH RELATED FIELD. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO NURSING STUDENTS.

For consideration, this application must be completed and returned to the guidance office by _____. All of The Michele M. Spence Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund applications must be received at the Elk County Community Foundation office from your guidance office no later than April 1. There will be no exceptions. The Scholarship Selection Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Elk County Community Foundation, will select the scholarship recipient.

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Michele M. Spence was a graduate of Venango Christian High School and Carlow College in Pittsburgh where she received a B.S. in Nursing and served as a teaching assistant in the Nursing Department. She also received a M.Ed. from Lock Haven University. Michele worked as a staff nurse at Elk Regional Medical Center and the Community Nurses of Elk and Cameron Counties and was employed as the school nurse at the Ridgway Area Middle-High School. Nursing was a passion that Michele had and she instilled that in all of those around her, including her husband Jeff and their family, friends and co-workers. This scholarship will be awarded to a senior at the Ridgway Area High School. Applications are available through the guidance counselor's office of the school.

TERMS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The committee will grant **The Michele M. Spence Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund** as instructed. The selection of students to receive scholarship grants shall be made by the committee without regard to race, religion or sex of the applicants or their political or economic perspectives. The committee will not place restrictions upon a candidate's choice of college or university.

The committee shall require, prior to the disbursement of any scholarship, proof that the scholarship recipient is actually enrolled as a student at the educational institution for which the grant is made, and all scholarship grants shall be paid only to the education institution attended by the recipient and never directly to the recipient. This grant covers tuition, fees, and books for the applicable fall, winter, or spring quarter.

The Elk County Community Foundation is approved as a PATH Program participant.

If you are awarded a scholarship of at least \$500 from the Community Foundation, we will submit your name to AES/PHEAA for additional scholarship funding through PATH. To be eligible for the PATH award, you must meet the following criteria: be enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school; be a State Grant recipient and have a Federal Student Loan; and demonstrate financial need for PATH Program Grant. PATH grants will not exceed the Maximum State Grant for the particular academic year.

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Educational Insights:

For the Summer/Fall Session, please list the names of the schools you have applied to. Indicate if you have been accepted to or are waiting to hear from the school.

1) _____ 2) _____
Have you been accepted? Y N Have you been accepted? Y N

3) _____ 4) _____
Have you been accepted? Y N Have you been accepted? Y N

4) _____
To which school do you intend to enroll?

Financial Information:

Please enter your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number that can be found on the top of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which is generated after completing your Free Application for Federal Student

Aid Form (FAFSA): _____. If this number is not available at the time of submitting the application, please provide details as to the status of FAFSA. Please fax or call the Community Foundation office when the number becomes available.

Attachments:

- Please attach an activity resume that highlights all of your activities in the sectors of school, church and community and any honors and/or awards you have received.
- Please attach a short, computer-generated essay (200-250 words) describing your career goals and what influenced your decision to choose that career path. Include what college and major concentration you will be pursuing. The essay should be written with 1 ½ inch spacing, margins justified, 12-point font in Times New Roman. Check for neatness, spelling and structure.

I attest that all personal data included within this application is truthful and in no way misleading. All contents have been completed entirely by myself (the applicant) to the best of my knowledge.

If I am selected as a recipient of an Elk County Community Foundation scholarship, I agree to permit the Foundation to confer with my school to verify my continuing enrollment during the term of my scholarship. I also agree that my name and photograph can be used in announcements made by the Elk County Community Foundation regarding the particular scholarship(s) for which I have been awarded. I also agree that by signing this I permit my high school to give the Elk County Community foundation information regarding my SAT scores, ACT scores, GPA, and class rank.

Awards may be used at any accredited, nonprofit college or university within the United States.

Signature of Applicant Date of Signature