



Kellsie's Hope Foundation Nursing Scholarship

Open to pediatric oncology staff member, who meet the criteria below:

1. Pediatric Oncology staff who are pursuing a nursing degree
2. Pediatric Oncology nurses who are pursuing a graduate degree
3. Pediatric Oncology nurses who wish to attend an accredited conference or workshop related to the care of Pediatric Oncology Patients.

This scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$1,000

This scholarship honors Kellsie Marchbanks, who was a pediatric oncology patient at Children's Hospital. She was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma at age 15 and during her hospital stays; she developed a passion to become a Pediatric Oncology Nurse. She hoped to be able to use her experience as a patient, to make a difference in the lives of the children she would be caring for. Unfortunately, she relapsed just 2 weeks after she began Nursing School at Goldfarb School of Nursing and passed away on June 8, 2011, at age 20. The kind and compassionate staff at Children's became like family to Kellsie and her family.

Kellsie never gave up HOPE and was always making plans to find ways to help others. She wanted to give back, and Kellsie's Hope Foundation continues her legacy of giving. Giving to children who have cancer and their families through wishes, raising funds for pediatric cancer research, which stays in the St. Louis area and giving to the nursing profession through an annual scholarship to a student from the high school she attended that is pursuing a nursing career, and an annual scholarship to Pediatric Oncology Staff at Children's Hospital, who were so near and dear to her heart and now is giving annual national nursing scholarships as well.

Applications will be evaluated by Kellsie's Hope Foundation Advisory Board. Final decisions about scholarship selection and award amount are the responsibility of Kellsie's Hope Scholarship Committee.

Instructions for the 2025 application

1. Fill out and sign the attached application
2. Attach a brief essay, describing.
 - Your current role/position at your Hospital on the Pediatric Oncology Unit.
 - How you plan to use the scholarship (ie. Pursuit of a degree or attending a workshop or conference)
 - How this scholarship will help you attain your goal in caring for pediatric oncology patients.
 - How you feel that you have made a difference in a patient's stay at the hospital.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Telephone Number () _____ Cell Number () _____

Email address _____

Employer information

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Supervisor: _____

Contact information: _____

Current Position in Pediatric Oncology Unit

Title: _____

Length of time in this position _____

SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS: (Circle One)

1. Currently working on the Pediatric Oncology Unit – Pursing a Nursing Degree

Name of school _____

2. Current working on the Pediatric Oncology Unit – Pursing a master’s degree

Name of school _____

3. Currently working on the Pediatric Oncology Unit – Wishing to attend an Accredited Workshop or Conference pertaining to the care of Pediatric Oncology Patients.

Name of Conference/Workshop requesting to attend:

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this signed application along with your essay to scholarships@kellsieshope.com by **April 18th, 2025** and will be awarded during the first week of July.

The scholarship recipient will be notified by phone, with the number provided on the application.