



## Scholarship Criteria

Kellsie Marchbanks, a 2008 graduate of Collinsville High School, was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (a rare bone cancer) at age 15. She was a member of the Collinsville High School Dance Team when she was diagnosed and was told she would never dance again. Despite the obstacles she faced, Kellsie always maintained a “never give up” attitude. Although she could not participate in dance team during her treatments, she attended practices and supported the team whenever she was well enough. After a year of aggressive treatment was complete, she resumed her spot on the dance team and was recognized by the IDTA with a “Rising Star Award” and the team earned a first-place trophy at the state competition. It was also during this time that Kellsie developed a passion for caring for others, especially kids facing cancer, and was inspired to become a nurse. Kellsie was a high school senior pursuing a nursing degree at Collinsville High School. She also volunteered for the Make a Wish Foundation, HIS Kids, and Kids with Cancer, giving back to organizations that had so generously given to her.

After graduation, Kellsie received an associate degree in Nursing from SWIC and was accepted to the Goldfarb School of Nursing. She began her first semester of Nursing School, when the cancer returned. Kellsie lost her battle with this disease in June of 2011, just short of her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

To honor Kellsie’s memory and her dreams of becoming a nurse, The Marchbanks family, through the Kellsie’s Hope Foundation, has established a \$500 Scholarship to be awarded annually, to a High School Senior whose goal is to become a nurse and exemplifies Kellsie’s giving spirit.

**Requirements:** GPA 3.0 overall

A senior student who has been involved in extra-curricular activities or volunteer work, who exhibits dedication, enthusiasm, compassion, a giving spirit, and who inspires others to achieve and maintain a positive attitude.

Acceptance into an accredited School of Nursing

A short essay, describing yourself, the reason you want to be a nurse, and how you inspire others or hope to inspire others in the future.

**Application Process:** Complete the application and a short essay and send to [scholarships@kellsieshope.com](mailto:scholarships@kellsieshope.com). The deadline for submission is **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The \$1000 scholarship will be awarded annually at the convocation ceremony at CHS and will be sent to the Educational Institution.



**NURSING SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

Complete all sections of the application. The deadline for submission is **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name	_____			
	Last	First	Middle Initial	
Address	_____			
	Street Address	City	State	Zip
Phone #	_____			
Email Address:	_____			

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

GPA	_____
Health Careers GPA	_____
Attendance Record	_____
Certified By:	_____
	Advisor Signature

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

List and briefly describe extracurricular activities (e.g. memberships in clubs, organizations, athletics)

Group or Athletic Team	Dates of Involvement	Your Role (captain, officer, committees, etc)

### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

List and briefly describe volunteer activities in which you have been involved:

Organization	Dates of Involvement	Description of Volunteer Activity

### **SHORT ESSAY**

Submit a short essay describing yourself, the reason you have chosen nursing as a career and how you inspire others or hope to inspire others in the future. (Attach to the application when submitting)

#### **Submitting your application**

Submit this application and the required essay, to [scholarships@kellsieshope.com](mailto:scholarships@kellsieshope.com) no later than **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, to be considered for the scholarship.

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