



Kellsie's Hope Foundation Professional Nursing Scholarship Application

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

1. Pediatric Oncology nurses who want to advance their degree
2. 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. 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. She relapsed at age 20, just 2 weeks after she began Nursing School at Goldfarb School of Nursing.

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, and giving to the nursing profession. We are able to give back to the profession through four annual scholarships: to a student from the high school she attended, as well as to someone pursuing a nursing degree, a professional nursing scholarship to a pediatric oncology nurse who wants to advance their degree and through an annual scholarship to a pediatric oncology staff member at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

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 Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Instructions for the 2025 application

1. Fill out and sign the attached application
2. Attach a letter of recommendation
3. Attach a brief essay, describing:
 - Your current role/position at your hospital on the pediatric oncology unit
 - How you plan to use the scholarship (i.e. 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 a Pediatric Oncology Unit – Advancing your degree

Name of school

2. 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**. The scholarship will be awarded during nurses' week May 6th-12th, 2025.