The Ray Eugene and Hannah E. Johnson Scholarship
Massachusetts General Hospital

Overview

The Ray Eugene and Hannah E. Johnson Scholarship fund was established to honor Massachusetts General Hospital candidates that are pursuing a career in nursing. This scholarship will award $1000 annually to a registered nurse pursuing a nursing career. The money for this scholarship is supported by the estate of Hannah Johnson. Candidates for this scholarship must be pursuing a career in nursing through an accredited bachelors or graduate program.

Many of our staff express a strong interest in pursuing a career in nursing. MGH recognizes that the challenges of work, home and school for applicants are many, and may create financial hardships that make pursuing a degree seem overwhelming. The Ray Eugene and Hannah E. Johnson Scholarship fund was established to address these hurdles and chart new possibilities for MGH employees pursuing a nursing degree.

Scholarship Amount

The scholarship recipient will receive $1,000 to use to promote their educational goals toward a nursing career.

How many awarded each year?
At least one candidate will be awarded annually for this scholarship annually. When used for tuition, books and fees and not combined with any other scholarship or tuition reimbursement monies, the $1,000 scholarship will have no tax consequence at all to the employee as it is considered by the IRS to be an education benefit. Please note—the IRS may require receipts as proof that the $1,000 was directed towards tuition, books and fees.

When used for tuition, books and fees and combined with other scholarships and/or tuition reimbursement where the total amount of the education benefit exceeds $5,250 per calendar year per employee the employee is responsible for all taxes associated with any payment amount over $5,250.

When used for anything other than tuition, books and fees the employee is responsible for all taxes associated with the $1,000 scholarship. In this case, the scholarship would be taxed as income.

Application Deadline

Scholarship applications must be submitted by XXXXX to be considered for the XXXX Fall Scholarship Award. Scholarship winners will be announced by XXXX.

Applicant Criteria

- The scholarship application process welcomes applicants that are MGH employees.
- Qualified applicants are pursuing a career in nursing. Only those attending an accredited bachelor’s degree program, master’s degree program, or doctoral degree program are eligible.
• The scholarship is open to applicants employed by MGH either in a full- or part-time (a minimum of 20 standard hours per week) capacity. Applicants must be employed at a minimum of 20 standard hours per week both at the time of the application and at the time of scholarship is distributed.

• Applicants must have completed a minimum of one year of service in their present position and must be in good standing (i.e. no corrective action such as written or final written warning within the last (6) months).

Applicant Process and Checklist

☐ Completed scholarship application

☐ Signature endorsement from applicant's director or manager

☐ Two letters of reference- Letters of reference should be from clinical faculty, former supervisors, clinical colleagues, etc. References should not provided by Selection Committee Members.

☐ A narrative that articulates educational goals and intended use of funding

☐ Proof of acceptance into a degree program (i.e. school letter of acceptance)