The Cathy Gouzoule Oncology Scholarship
Massachusetts General Hospital

Overview
The Cathy Gouzoule Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by the nurses of Lunder 10 to honor Cathy Gouzoule, a fellow nurse who died unexpectedly. The goal of this scholarship fund is to provide the opportunity for advanced learning through continued education while honoring Cathy’s memory. This scholarship will award $1000 annually to an individual who is continuing his/her education and shows commitment to this through exemplary grades, passion for learning and the desire to improve the lives of others. Nursing does not have to be the field of study; but candidates pursuing nursing careers may be given preference. The money for this scholarship fund is raised through the Caring for a Cure foundation.

Cathy Gouzoule was a nurse who was committed to education through her nursing career. She worked in many different fields during her career and was a leader in many ways to the nurses around her. Education was important to her and she encouraged other nurses to also try different fields of nursing to broaden their knowledge base and strengthen their nursing skills.

Candidates for this award must demonstrate a desire for continued improvement. The recipient of this award needs to do well in school but this person does not need to have the best grades nor be enrolled in honorary classes. Academics will be a factor in the committee’s decision but the candidate’s passion for learning & continued education will weigh more heavily than grade point average. Cathy was born and raised in Dorchester and prior to her death lived there with her husband and three children. She was very active in her community & children’s school, in her free time, Cathy was very involved in the Special Olympics. She volunteered and helped organize yearly events and attended to cheer on participants. She had a very strong sense of family and love for her friends, family & co-workers. It was through her honest, straightforward and fun-loving personality that Cathy made a difference in the lives of those around her. Candidates who share this zest for life and their communities will be considered for this award.

Scholarship criteria

- Passion for lifelong learning and self-improvement as evidenced by enrollment into continued education program. The college letter of acceptance must be part of the application (must be at the bachelors, masters or doctorate level).
- Superior Work Ethic & Leadership ability as evidenced by leadership, employment and extra-curricular activities.
- Commitment to improving the lives of others as evidenced by extracurricular activities that support the community/society one lives in.

Many of our staff express a strong interest in pursuing a career in nursing and the health professions. 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 Cathy Gouzoule Scholarship program was established to address these hurdles and chart new possibilities for MGH employees pursuing a nursing or health professions degree.
Scholarship Amount

The scholarship recipients will receive $1,000* to use to promote their educational goals toward a health professions career at the bachelors, masters or doctorate level.

Application Deadline

Please use the Scholarship common application to submit and be considered for the Fall Scholarship Award. Scholarship winners will be announced mid summer.

Applicant Criteria

- The scholarship application process welcomes applicants that are MGH employees.
- Qualified applicants are pursuing a career in nursing, or other health care career. 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).
- Scholarship recipients may be asked to commit to employment at the hospital for one year following graduation.

Application Process and Checklist

Candidates will submit:

- [ ] Completed scholarship application
- [ ] Letter of 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