

GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

JOAN & RICHARD JACOBS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(Endowed)

Background:

The Joan & Richard Jacobs Nursing Scholarship was established by Joan & Richard Jacobs in memory of Joan's sister Betty Whistler. Betty was Joan's oldest sister who spent her entire working career (40 years) at the Gilmore Department Store in Kalamazoo. Joan described Betty as "a devoted, people oriented" individual.

Joan was moved to support a Nursing Scholarship because when she was a student at White Pigeon High School a local family encouraged her to attend Nursing School and offered to pay her tuition. Joan stated that at the time, she doubted her ability to succeed in Nursing School and did not pursue the offer.

Since retiring Joan and Richard have been very involved in volunteer activities. Joan has volunteered at Three Rivers Health for the past twelve years. Dick volunteers at three organizations in Three Rivers. They cherish community involvement and the interaction which they believe keeps them feeling young.

The purpose of this Fund is to provide scholarship support to qualified individuals in the nursing programs at Glen Oaks Community College. This scholarship is to be awarded to talented students committed to Nursing who plan to complete a two-year degree, or a certificate program at Glen Oaks Community College, or other nursing degree or certificate program for nurses established in the future.

The effect of this scholarship, in addition to functioning as a strong incentive for and a prestigious acknowledgement of excellence in medical studies, would be to raise the rate of retention for talented nursing students by providing a strong and appealing reason for remaining at Glen Oaks Community College.

The Scholarship will serve to honor and substantially reward each year's recipients and to significantly enhance and embellish the Glen Oaks Community College Nursing programs as a recruitment and retention tool.

Eligibility:

- Must be accepted into a Nursing Program as described above
- Maintain full or part-time time student status
- Nursing major
- Maintain overall 2.75 g.p.a.
- First year students will be eligible directly out of high school, if dual enrolled
- Must meet all program prerequisites

Preference:

- To a Three Rivers area resident
- To a student with greater financial need and/or higher academic performance

Selection Criteria:

- Accepted and active participant in a Nursing Program
- Committed to a career in nursing
- Participation in activities and projects beyond standard class activities may include voluntary commitments to worthy causes
- Intention to work in St. Joseph County upon completion of training

Selection Process:

- Final selection of scholarship recipients will be made by the Director of Financial Aid/Scholarship and Assistant Dean of the Nursing Programs & Allied Health in consultation with the Dean of the College
- Students may be identified out of high school by recommendation of their School Counselor, teachers, or Hospital/Medical personnel
- Final selection by the end of April

Use:

This is a Scholarship to be granted to the student for education related expenses.

Amount and Number of Awards:

Number and size determined by availability of funds and number of qualified applicants

Prior Recipients:

Must reapply.

Disbursement:

The Office of Financial Aid will disburse the scholarship according to the standard school policy.

If, at any time, the College Foundation policies and procedures in effect for the administration of award and scholarship funds are changed, these provisions will be automatically modified to conform.

The donor initiated this award in January of 2006.

The fund is now endowed (as of January 3, 2006) and monies will be held in a restricted endowed account. Distribution may begin in the 2007/08 school years.

Whenever it appears that changing conditions make this plan no longer applicable, practical, or suited to the general purposes stated above, the College Foundation would confer with the donor or their representative to secure a modification of the plan. If the Foundation is unable to locate the donor or their representative after reasonable efforts, then the Foundation is authorized to utilize the fund for any other suitable educational purpose, so that the fund will provide the maximum service to the community through the advancement of higher education.

Date

Joan Jacobs

Date

Richard Jacobs

Date

John H. Deren, Executive Director
Glen Oaks Community College Foundation

C: Director of Financial Aid/Scholarship
Assistant Dean of the Nursing Programs & Allied Health
April 5, 2006