

## **GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

### **RON & KELI LYNN ROACH MEMORIAL HEALTH OCCUPATIONS SCHOLARSHIP**

(Endowed)

#### **Background:**

The Ron & Keli Lynn Roach Memorial Health Occupations Scholarship was established by Peggy Roach in memory of her husband Ron and daughter Keli Lynn. The scholarship was initially the Keli Lynn Roach Memorial Scholarship, then following Peggy's husband Ron's untimely death, January 8, 1997, Peggy established a Ronald Roach Memorial Scholarship. These scholarships were merged in July of 2008.

Keli Lynn Roach, second child to Ron & Peggy, was stillborn on December 8, 1984, following years of infertility. Peggy stated, "everyone sees pregnancy as a happy time but rarely does anyone talk about the devastating reality of the hard times that can happen, this is where the medical staff steps in." Because of the care, concern and genuine compassion of the nursing staff at Sturgis Hospital Ron & Peggy were inspired to give back and establish a scholarship for deserving nursing students to help them pursue their dreams.

The purpose of this Fund is to provide scholarship support to qualified individuals in the Health Occupation programs at Glen Oaks Community College. This scholarship is to be awarded to talented students committed to the health profession who plan to complete a two-year degree, or a certificate program at Glen Oaks Community College, or other degree or certificate program for health occupation students 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 the health occupations area of studies, would be to raise the rate of retention for talented 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 Health Occupations programs as a recruitment and retention tool.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Studies must be in the Health Occupations
- Maintain full or part-time time student status
- 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 student with greater financial need and/or higher academic performance
- Intention to work in St. Joseph County upon completion of training

**Selection Criteria:**

- Active participant in a Health Occupation program
- Committed to a career in the Health Occupations
- Participation in activities and projects beyond standard class activities may include voluntary commitments to worthy causes

**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 July.

**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 fund is now endowed and monies will be held in a restricted endowed account. Distribution will begin in the 2008 /09 school year.

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.