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May Smith Scholars Program

The heritage of nursing is rich at Children's Health, which traces its roots back to a clinic started by nurse May Forster Smith. This scholarship is named for Nurse Smith, who began an open-air clinic for infants in 1913. That pioneering spirit continues in the 21st century. The May Smith Scholars Program provides financial assistance for baccalaureate students interested in pediatric nursing.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for this scholarship:

- Be a current sophomore or junior undergraduate baccalaureate nursing student.
- Have a cumulative 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

No exceptions will be made.

Award Details

- A limited number of scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded each year.
 - Students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
 - The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load at accredited, nonprofit four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
 - Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.
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Women's Auxiliary Scholarship Program

The Women's Auxiliary to Children's Medical Center offers educational support to nursing and allied health students who are registered for, or currently enrolled in, an accredited program for Nursing and Allied Health Students.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for this scholarship:

- Be a current junior, senior or graduate student enrolled full- or part-time in an accredited undergraduate, or graduate, nursing or allied health program.
- Have a cumulative 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

No exceptions will be made.

Award Details

- A limited number of scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded each year.
 - Students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
 - The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load at accredited, nonprofit four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
 - Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.
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James J. Farnsworth Health Care Scholarship Program

The James J. Farnsworth Health Career Scholarship offers educational support to students planning careers in pediatric healthcare. The scholarship is named in honor of James J. Farnsworth and was established from gifts to endowments made in tribute to Mr. Farnsworth by his friends and colleagues. Mr. Farnsworth served as president of Children's Medical Center Dallas, as part of Children's Health, for more than 30 years and was a fellow in the College of Healthcare Executives.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for this scholarship:

- Be a current sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student, planning a career in pediatric healthcare.
- Preference will be given to students who fall into the following categories:
 - Former patients of Children's Health
 - Current full- or part-time employees
 - Former or current volunteers at Children's Health
 - Parent is employed at Children's Health
 - Parent is volunteer at Children's Health
 - Students demonstrating strong academic achievement

No exceptions will be made.

Award Details

- A limited number of scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded each year.
- Students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
- The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load at accredited, nonprofit four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
- Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.

Grace Lee Scholarship for Clinical Education

The Grace Lee Scholarship for Clinical Education recently was established in honor of Grace Lee, a former patient at Children's Health and in recognition of the exemplary care provided by clinical staff members who contributed to her comprehensive care. The scholarship will provide financial assistance for the continuing education of clinical employees who are direct caregivers at Children's Health.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for this scholarship:

- Be a full-time clinical employee with two years of continuous employment at Children's Health as of the application deadline.
- Be enrolled in or accepted into an accredited healthcare education program.
- Be recommended by an immediate supervisor or department director.
- Have a cumulative 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

No exceptions will be made.

Award Details

- A limited number of scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded each year.
 - Students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
 - The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load at accredited, nonprofit two- or four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
 - Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.
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Lisa M. Milonovich Scholarship Program

The Lisa M. Milonovich Scholarship for Nursing Education provides financial assistance to support those choosing nursing as a career path as well as those in nursing who want to further their education. Named in honor of Lisa M. Milonovich, a long-time, dedicated Advanced Practice Nurse at Children's Health, the scholarship was endowed by Lisa's family and many, many friends and colleagues who greatly admired her thirst for knowledge and achievements in nursing

Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

- Be a full-time or part-time Children's Health employee with one year of continuous employment.
- Maintain an overall grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or have a cumulative 3.0 GPA prior to being accepted into an accredited program.
- Demonstrate financial need and a commitment to pursue additional education. Recipients may be graduating high school students, Nurses' Aides, LVNs, RNs, and/or those seeking advanced nursing degrees.
- Commit to two years of additional employment at Children's Health after completion of the educational program for which the scholarship was awarded.

Note: Financial need shall be determined on an individual basis with appropriate documentation as determined by The Learning Institute and Leadership Institute.

No exceptions will be made.

Award Details

- A limited number of scholarships up to \$3,500 will be awarded each year.
 - Students may reapply each year as long as they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.
 - The scholarships will be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course load at accredited, nonprofit two- or four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
 - Students may transfer from one institution to another and retain the award.
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Children's Health Investing in Inclusion Scholarship

The Children's Health Investing in Inclusion Scholarship was created **to** better align our clinical workforce with the diverse population Children's Health serves, the Children's Health Investing in Inclusion Scholarship provides educational assistance to students who display financial need and are choosing a clinical career in pediatric health care.

Eligibility

This scholarship supports the education of an undergraduate student who:

- Identifies with an ethnic or culturally diverse background, racial diversity, gender diversity, disability, a U.S. military veteran, or has a history of meaningful contributions to diversity efforts in their community
- is pursuing a degree to become an allied health professional, registered nurse, or another clinical support role
- demonstrates a financial need
- has a strong interest in pediatric health care for their future.
- Acceptance into or current part-time or full-time enrollment in undergraduate nursing, allied health, or clinical program at a regionally accredited, nonprofit two- or four-year college/university in the United States.
- Must have an expected graduation date within four years or less.
- Must be in good standing academically, GPA of 3.0 to 4.0 (based on a 4-point system).
- Financial need shall be determined on an individual basis with appropriate FAFSA documentation.

When is the application deadline?

May 1, 2025 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time Zone

When is the recommendation deadline?

May 8, 2025 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time Zone (**Grace Lee Scholarship for Clinical Education only**)

What is the Program timeline?

- Application Open: February 17, 2025
- Application Deadline: May 1, 2025
- Recommendation Deadline (**Grace Lee Scholarship for Clinical Education only**): May 8, 2025
- Notification of Selection Results: July 2025
- Funds Disbursed: August 2025

Is this award renewable?

No.

Who administers this Program?

To ensure complete impartiality in the selection of recipients and to maintain a high level of professionalism and security, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), a firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship, grant, tuition assistance, and tuition reimbursement programs.

Application Details

Which school should I list on the application if I have not made a final decision?

You should list your first-choice school on the application. You can change your college choice any time prior to the application deadline. If selected as a recipient, you will be asked to confirm your final school choice. If your school changes after the acceptance deadline, you will be able to update this information on your **Profile** page.

My parent's employment makes me eligible for this scholarship. Whose contact information should I include?

You, the applicant, must register for an account with a personal email address. *Do not use a parent's work email address.* Your **Profile** page should reflect your legal name and contact information. If your parent's information is needed, it will be specifically asked for on the application.

What are the differences between Official and Unofficial Transcripts?

Official transcripts must be obtained through your high school administration office, or your college registrar's office. Transcripts are normally printed on official letterhead and/or state that they are official. Transcripts may contain or require a signature.

*Note: Your official transcript may come to you in a sealed envelope, stating it will become unofficial if opened. When scanning or copying your official transcripts, a watermark may appear noting that they are now unofficial. **Despite any watermarks or sealed envelopes, you may open the envelope if needed to upload the document. These documents will be considered official for our purposes.** Acceptable file types are **.pdf, .tif, .png, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps**. When scanning or copying, you do not need to include a copy of the sealed envelope.*

Unofficial transcripts may be accessed through your school's online student portal. These pages must still be converted to one of the acceptable file formats. **Unofficial transcripts must contain your name.**

Should I submit all of my information before I request a recommendation?

You should request your recommendation as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for the recommendation to be submitted by the recommendation deadline. You do not have to wait until all other portions of your application are complete before requesting your recommendation.

What supporting documentation is required for this application?

- High School Transcript: College Freshman and Sophomores only.
- College/University Transcript: College Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate students only.

Where and when should I send my supporting documents?

All required supporting documents must be uploaded to your online application by the application deadline. If you do not follow the upload instructions exactly, your application may remain incomplete. Documents that meet the criteria required for this application that are uploaded by the deadline will be processed and considered on time.

Notifications

How will I be notified about the status of my application?

Notifications are sent primarily via email to the email you used to create your account. Some programs offer text and voice notifications. **Ultimately, it is your responsibility as the applicant to verify your application status on your Home page is Completed.**

What notifications will be sent to me?

- **Deadline Reminders:** Deadline reminder emails typically begin 30-45 days prior to the application deadline.
- **Recommendation Deadline Reminder:** You may receive a notification after the application deadline but prior to the recommendation deadline if your recommendation is still incomplete.
- **Selection Results:** Selection results notifications are sent to all **Complete** applicants.
- **Funds Disbursed:** Once your funds have been issued, you will be notified.
- **Other Scholarships:** Occasionally, if you meet the requirements for another scholarship administered by ISTS, you will be notified. These notifications are not guaranteed.

Your information is never sold to any third party for marketing purposes.

Who will notifications be sent from?

You will receive notifications from two possible ISTS email addresses: donotreply@applyISTS.com and ContactUs@applyISTS.com. You should add both of these email addresses to your “safe senders list” to ensure important emails are not sent to your spam or junk folder.

When will I receive notifications?

Notifications vary by program based on the Program timeline. Refer to the Program timeline listed above for more specific information. Deadline reminder emails typically begin 30-45 days prior to the application deadline.

Can I opt out of notifications?

While you can opt out of notifications, this is not advised. It is your responsibility as the applicant to ensure your application is **Complete**. If you opt out of notifications, you will not receive deadline reminders and selection results. **Your information is never sold to any third party.** The only emails you will receive from ISTS are directly related to your application and, *possibly*, other scholarship opportunities.

Document Upload

What should be visible on my documents?

All uploaded documents **must** show your name. If you are using an online portal to access your required documentation and all that is visible is the salutation and your first name (Example: Welcome Joe!), this will meet the name requirement.

What are the acceptable file types?

The only acceptable file types are **.pdf, .tif, .png, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps**. Any other formats will not be reviewed, and your application will remain incomplete. You may upload multiple files within a .zip file. All files within a .zip file must be in one of the acceptable file types listed above.

Why can't I upload a Word document?

ISTS does not accept any editable file format.

One of the documents I uploaded has a status of Rejected. What do I do now?

Review the reason your document was rejected. Once you have corrected that issue, upload a new copy of your document.

How do I upload more than one file at a time?

You may create a .zip file containing more than one file as long as everything included is in an acceptable file type of **.pdf, .tif, .png, .jpeg, .jpg, .bmp and .xps**. Do not upload additional documentation that is not requested. It will not be reviewed.

How do I create a .zip file?

To use this format, follow the steps outlined below:

1. Create a new folder on your Desktop, name it the document type you will be uploading. For example, Test Scores, Transcript, or Financial Documentation.
2. Move all the files you wish to upload into the new folder.
3. Right-click on the folder from your Desktop:
 - a. PC Users: select "Send to," followed by "Compressed (zipped) folder."
 - b. Mac Users: select "Compress [folder name]."
4. Your new **.zip** file will be located on your Desktop, ready to upload.

How long does it take to process my uploaded documents?

Documents are processed daily. Your document will be processed within 1 business day. If your document was uploaded prior to the deadline, it will be considered. However, it is your responsibility to monitor your **Home page** to ensure your document is **Accepted**.

The deadline has passed and my documents are still Processing- what does that mean?

All documents must be reviewed for the required information and for accuracy. All documents uploaded prior to the application deadline will be reviewed and considered. It is your responsibility to monitor your **Home page** to ensure your document is **Accepted** and that your application status reads **Completed**.

What are the DOs and DON'Ts of uploading documents to my application?

DO:

- Upload one of the accepted file types.
- Only upload the requested and required documents.
- Black out any Social Security Numbers. *This is not required, but highly advised.*
- Return to your **Home page** to verify your documents have been **Accepted**.

DON'T:

- Upload a Microsoft® Word document (.doc, .docx) or any other format we don't accept.
- Upload more than the requested documentation.
- Assume your documents are correct and accepted once you have uploaded them.
- Upload a document stating you are mailing your documents.
- Assume the required document does not pertain to you. If the application states the document is required, your application **will** remain incomplete if you do not provide that document. Contact us if you are having trouble providing a required document.
- Password protect your uploaded documents. Password-protected documents will be rejected.
- Upload any file that has a viewing expiration date.

Other Important Information

Are scholarships taxable?

Tax laws vary by country. In the United States, scholarship funds used exclusively for the payment of tuition and textbooks are normally not taxable. The scholarship recipient is responsible for taxes, if any, that may be assessed against his or her scholarship award. We recommend consulting your tax adviser for more guidance. You may also consult IRS Publication 970 for additional information.

ISTS Self-Help Portal

For more helpful information about scholarships plus answers to common inquiries related to ISTS' technology and processes, visit our Student Support Hub at [ISTSprogramsupport.com](https://www.istsprogramsupport.com).

Contact Information

ISTS office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Central Time, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Central Time. Program Support Representatives are available via live chat and email during these hours. Use the green **Help** button (as shown below) at the bottom right corner of your screen to contact us.

