

Lori Skiff Memorial Nursing Scholarship

The primary purpose of the scholarship is to encourage nurses from all walks of life and economic backgrounds to advance their careers in the nursing profession.

To be eligible for the **Lori Skiff Memorial Nursing Scholarship**, an applicant must:

- Be a registered nurse furthering formal education in the field of nursing.
- Be an employee of MercyOne Clinton.
- Demonstrate financial need and scholastic achievement.
- Complete the **MercyOne Clinton Scholarship Application Form**.
- Complete the Lori Skiff Memorial Nursing Scholarship essay questions.
- Submit a short essay describing interpretations of the practice and essence of nursing, how an advanced degree will help them in the nursing profession and how they can help improve the profession of nursing.
- Provide three forms of recommendation using the **MercyOne Clinton Scholarship Reference Form**.

Selection of scholarship recipients will not be based on sex, age, race, color, national origin, disability, marital status or religion.

Preference in awarding scholarships may be given to those applicants attending area colleges and universities.

This scholarship will not be automatically renewable.

Applications must be returned by March 31 to:

MercyOne Clinton Foundation
1410 N. Fourth St.
Clinton, IA 52732

Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision in May.

Please do not write on the back of the application.

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Lori Skiff packed a lot of compassion, inspiration and enthusiasm into her 26 years. Lori was the kind of nurse her patients remembered, asked for, and told their families about.

Lori, who passed away in the summer of 1988, was the kind of nurse who would stay past her shift just to visit with her patients when they awakened.

Her patient's comfort was her top priority. Hospital officials rewarded her for excellent patient relations at Jane Lamb Health Center with a special award called C.A.R.E., in 1987.

In the spring, she was hospitalized in the same intensive care unit where she worked at Jane Lamb. She had contracted non-A, non-B hepatitis. She underwent two liver transplants but died July 12 shortly after the second operation. Precisely how she contracted hepatitis may never be known, hospital officials and her mother say. After her death, a liver specialist at University Hospitals, Iowa City, wrote to Lori's mother, Arthera: "She has the most unfortunate and devastating illness, but she fought with bravery and tenacity long after many patients would of quit."

Earning her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at Marycrest College was important to Lori, who juggled her job with studies and the regular commute to Davenport. She inspired her co-workers, urging them to continue their education. She was more than half way through her studies when she died, and Marycrest awarded Lori her diploma posthumously in December. The diploma was "an honor for someone like this," Dr. Dolores Hilden, chairwoman of Marycrest Nursing division, said. Lori's co-workers, friends and family have established this scholarship memorial fund in her honor.



Lori Skiff Memorial Nursing Scholarship Essay Questions

Please provide a brief response to each of the following questions. Please add an extra sheet if needed. **Do not write on the back of the application.**

Provide a statement of your professional goals.

How do you envision this program of study benefiting a health care organization?



Lori Skiff Memorial Nursing Scholarship Essay Questions

Please provide a brief response to each of the following questions. Please add an extra sheet if needed. **Do not write on the back of the application.**

What do you plan to do after completing the program of study you are embarking upon?

List your contributions of the activities you are involved in?