

APPLICATION

Muir Family Scholarship

*This Scholarship is intended to
promote a career in nursing as a
Registered Nurse*

DUE DATE - MARCH 27, 2027

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
AFTER THE MARCH 27th DUE DATE
WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED**

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Scholarship History

Nancy Muir was the only one of twelve children in her family to pursue post secondary education, graduating in 1969 from Church Home & Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland as a Registered Nurse. With limited financial assistance available, summer jobs and babysitting helped close the financial gap.

What was to become a forty year career began at John Hopkins Hospital in OB-GYN surgery. Experience in ICU & CCU units soon followed, but the environment within the surgical theater proved most rewarding. Experience gained in general surgery progressed to major orthopedic procedures before promotion to open heart room supervisor at Los Robles Hospital (HCA) in Thousand Oaks, California.

This privately funded Scholarship is available to graduating seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and limited financial resources. The \$12,000 total award will be funded in mutually agreed upon increments over one or more years. In addition to financial need, the applicant will also have a history of community volunteer service. Three (3) letters of recommendation are to be submitted with the application from:

A member of your high school faculty or staff.

An influential member of the community.

A mentor familiar with your volunteer history & nursing goals.

Official high school transcripts and a maximum two page personal essay are also to be included.

PURPOSE

A shortage of nurses exists in local communities. The Muir Family Scholarship is intended to promote, encourage and fund a career in nursing. It is available to graduating senior high school students on the Kenai Peninsula who plan to pursue a nursing career as a Registered Nurse. It is our desire that recipients will eventually return to their local communities to pursue their career.

APPLICANT CRITERIA

Graduating High School Senior.

Demonstration of financial need.

Minimum 3.0 GPA.

Current resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Pursuing a BS degree as a Registered Nurse from an accredited college or university beginning the fall semester 2027.

AWARDING OF FUNDS

The \$12,000 total scholarship award is based on information provided in the application and payable directly to the educational institution. Subsequent payments will be made upon receipt of a letter of request and the most recent official transcript showing the applicant is continuing to pursue a degree as a registered nurse.

INSTRUCTIONS

All required application material must be submitted in one envelope to include an official transcript and three letters of recommendation. Type or clearly print in black or blue ink. It is recommended "Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested" be utilized to insure your application is received by the deadline. Do NOT include any personal photographs.

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Home Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Phone _____ *Alternate (Cell)* _____

E-Mail Address _____

Years attended school in the Kenai Peninsula Borough _____

Names of Parents or Guardians _____

Letters of Recommendation (Please attach to application)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION(S) YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

Name of Institution _____

Address of Institution _____

Estimated starting date of classes _____

Telephone & e-mail _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Estimated Annual Expenses Sources of Available Funds

<i>Tuition</i> _____	<i>College Fund</i> _____
<i>Housing</i> _____	<i>Part Time Jobs</i> _____
<i>Books</i> _____	<i>Other Scholarships</i> _____
<i>Travel</i> _____	<i>Other Funds</i> _____
<i>Miscellaneous</i> _____	<i>Miscellaneous</i> _____

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HISTORY

() Indicate if nursing related:*

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Duties</i>	<i>Months/ Years</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list your extra-curricular activities (most recent first).

You may add additional pages if needed.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Please list work experience in chronological order.

CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE

This section is to be completed as an essay and must be printed or written on no more than two separate double spaced sheets of paper (one side) in 12 point type with your name & address as a header. Your response is CRITICAL to the evaluation by the Scholarship Committee of your career goals and development strategies. Use of A. I. software in preparation of your personal essay is discouraged.

Please address the following specific topics in your essay:

*Who or what prompted your interest in a nursing career?
What obstacles do you envision to become a registered nurse?
What are your specific plans for the next four years?
What are your greatest personal achievements?
Do you plan to remain (return) to the Kenai peninsula area?*

You are welcome (in confidence) to share any extenuating family circumstance of interest to the Scholarship Committee.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I understand scholarship funds are to be used for expenses incurred only for the costs associated directly with my training such as tuition, registration, books and course fees. I understand funds will be made payable directly to the educational institution.

I understand this application must contain all requested materials and must be signed, dated and RECEIVED by March 27, 2027.

I understand the recipients are chosen by the Scholarship Committee and that committee members cannot comment on the contents of an application to any other individual. All applications will be held strictly confidential and no materials will be returned. Permission is granted to contact my references.

At the discretion of scholarship committee members listed below, multiple scholarships may be awarded. It is also possible no scholarships may be awarded if applicants reflect insufficient preparation and unlikely to achieve success in a nursing career.

William Muir - Conservator, Trustee

Steve Manley - Branch Manager, NorthRim Bank (Soldotna)

Carlos Valenzuela - Family Nurse Practitioner (PCHS)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY APPLICANT: *I hereby certify that all the information documented here is accurate and completed to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the terms and conditions. I understand all decisions of the Scholarship Committee in the selection of a scholarship recipient(s) are final.*

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ *Date* _____