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A Survivor's Story

22nd Annual
Employee of the Year Luncheon
April 25, 2018

REX McRAE SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Each year the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Foundation awards a scholarship to one DFWHC-member hospital employee who attends a Texas Board of Nursing-approved program in North Texas. The fund was created in 1998 by the DFWHC Board of Trustees. The award is named in memory of Rex McRae, President/CEO of Arlington Memorial Hospital for 28 years. The scholarship will be awarded at the 22nd Annual Employee of the Year Luncheon April 25, 2018 at the Hurst Conference Center.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Student who needs financial assistance to graduate from program
- Student in the last year of nursing program
- Enrolled in an ADN, RN to BSN Bridge, or BSN program in North Texas
- Student in good standing
- Employee of DFWHC-member hospital

NOMINATION PROCESS

Only one nomination per institute. **Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, March 14, 2018.** To nominate a candidate, the hospital/school must do the following:

- 1) Submit a one-page letter with the following information:
 - Employee/Student name
 - Financial need
 - Professional life/School life (able to achieve in more than one role)
 - Extraordinary Contributions (goes beyond what is expected)
 - Ideal role model (sets high standards, leads by example)
 - Compassion (sensitive and caring for people)
 - Involvement in program activities
- 2) Fill out nomination form
- 3) Have student sign Photo Release Form
- 4) Send the nomination letter, form and photo release to:

E-mail to:

EOY@dfwhcfoundation.org

For information contact:

Jordania Lilly or **Sally Williams** at **EOY@dfwhcfoundation.org** or **972-719-4900**

NOTIFICATION PROCESS

The hospital/school will be notified prior to the Luncheon. The winner will be introduced at the event. If your candidate is selected, he or she must be present at the Luncheon with representative.

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Nominator Name: _____

Title: _____ Hospital: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Name Pronunciation: _____

Title: _____ Hospital: _____

GradeLevel: _____ NursingSchool: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____ GPA: _____

Non-profit/volunteer work: _____

Please list any program employee/student has participated in: _____

Return these items: _____ Nominee Application _____ Form Letter _____ Photo Release

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SAMPLE LETTER

Rex McRae Scholarship

It is an honor to nominate SAMPLE NOMINEE for the 2017 Rex McRae Scholarship. SAMPLE NOMINEE joined our busy 52-bed medical-surgical unit as a nurse extern in May of 2017. In addition to working as a nurse extern and pursuing his/her dream of becoming a nurse, SAMPLE NOMINEE enjoys his/her role as a single parent to his/her 4-year-old son. This great nursing student is determined to become the best nurse he/she can be, a role model for his/her child, and a role model for other single parents trying to find a way to make their dreams come true.

WORK LIFE/NON-WORK LIFE

SAMPLE NOMINEE discovered a passion for nursing at the age of 11 when he/she volunteered their time on an Alzheimer's disease care unit, sitting and talking with each patient. SAMPLE NOMINEE became friends with one patient, Mr. Jones. This patient appreciated SAMPLE NOMINEE so much, he/she bequeathed a ring to SAMPLE NOMINEE in recognition of the kindness showed. At that age, SAMPLE NOMINEE didn't know he/she had made such an impact on someone's life; however, he/she knew serving and caring for others was a gift from God and he/she realized that they wanted to make a difference in other people's lives. Caring for others is what SAMPLE NOMINEE enjoys. Last summer, his/her neighbor began to experience shortness of breath, and SAMPLE NOMINEE quickly came to their aid. He/she called 911 and made him lean against his car in a tripod position and cuff his hands over his mouth to allow him retain the CO2 until the ambulance arrived. This basic skill learned the night before in class saved his life. He was so appreciative he came over to her house and thanked him/her for caring for him.

IDEAL EMPLOYEE ROLE MODEL

SAMPLE NOMINEE routinely talks about his/her dreams of nursing while struggling to pay for school, work at the hospital, spend time with family and attend church. He/she becomes animated when talking of serving those in need in the neighborhood and routinely mentors teenagers. As a 17-year-old, he/she faced the negative comments of teachers and peers at his/her school and outside of school. SAMPLE NOMINEE encourages others to stay in school and recalls his/her story of how he/she overcame adversity as a teenage parent who graduated from high school, enrolled in college and was accepted into nursing school. He/she loves mentoring others by helping them get the information they need to get back into school and helps them decide on what classes to pursue to prepare them for life. Nursing means everything to SAMPLE NOMINEE and it defines who he/she is.

COMPASSION

In nursing school, SAMPLE NOMINEE is among the top in his/her class and sets high standards with a 3.47 GPA. This senior nursing student has strong ethics, good character and compassion for serving others. He/she possesses unique caring traits that set him/her apart from peers. Recently, after receiving SAMPLE NOMINEE's kind and compassionate care, a patient told the director on the unit that SAMPLE NOMINEE touched her and made her feel special like "a very important person!" Comments like this are routine. Her director says, "SAMPLE NOMINEE goes above and beyond to help each person and patient that she comes in contact with."

EXTRAS

SAMPLE NOMINEE is very conscientious, caring, loyal and dependable. He/she steps in to help others when the nursing unit is filled to capacity. He/she has taken the time to learn and loves to welcome families and visitors to the unit. SAMPLE NOMINEE has a friendly smile, positive attitude and professional demeanor that makes the day sunny and bright for co-workers, and patients. Thank you for considering SAMPLE NOMINEE for the Rex McRae Scholarship.