

## ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

A maximum four (4) scholarships of \$1,000.00 each may be awarded annually to students in four-year college programs who have achieved a Junior year academic status. Two of these scholarships will be available to students pursuing a degree in a medical related field of study, one scholarship is for students pursuing a degree in a business-related field of study, and one scholarship will be offered to students pursuing a degree in earth sciences or engineering.

A maximum of two (2) scholarships of \$500 each may be awarded to students in two-year college or vocational school programs who have successfully completed the first year of their program and who meet the other criteria established for these scholarships.

No more than one scholarship will be awarded per student per year. Each scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Is a graduate of Arcadia (WI) high school;
2. Is a student in good standing at an accredited university or college (or vocational- technical school or college for two-year program);
3. Has achieved at least Junior year status or equivalent in a four-year program (or second year status for two-year); and
4. Has earned an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 or equivalent academic achievement.

**Each application must include:**

1. A current academic transcript from the student's college or university or vocational-technical school;
2. College or university confirmation of good standing and Junior (or better) status [or second year status achieved at a two-year program]; and
3. A single page letter from the applicant describing career goals after graduation.

Please complete the following information and submit this Application with your transcript, confirmation of good standing and single page letter to:

Arcadia Education Foundation  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
756 Raider Drive  
Arcadia WI 54612

Please clearly print your name and home mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark an "X" to state the scholarship for which you are applying. You may select only one.

\_\_\_\_\_ Business-related field of study elated scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ Earth Sciences or Engineering scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ Medical field of study scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ Vocational college or technical school scholarship

The application deadline is **Aug. 15th, 2021**. Please see the reverse side for more information about the origin of these scholarships.

The original St. Joseph's Hospital, established in Arcadia, opened in 1936 in a converted residence. The entire staff consisted of Sister Laetitia, Sister Theodosia and Sister Modesto, all sisters of St. Francis of our Lady of Holy Angels (also known as St. Francis of Blessed Virgin Mary of the Holy Angels). The new hospital was completed in 1948. The hospital chapel was added in 1960, an emergency room and surgery in 1964 and a clinic addition in 1980. Sisters Laetitia, Renatius, Theodosia, Adelpha and Helmina came from the old hospital to the new. All came from Germany to the United States to serve the charitable goals of their ministry. At one time 11 Sisters staffed the hospital. Sister Laetitia was an RN and the leader of the group. She served as the hospital administrator from the original opening in 1936 until semi-retirement in 1975. Sister Theodosia supervised the kitchen where nearly everything was homemade, including bread, soup and pies. Sister Renatius was a nurse who also supervised x-ray and the lab. Sister Adelpha was an RN and surgical supervisor beginning in 1937. Sister Banthina was a nurse in charge of the first floor and was also a housekeeping supervisor. Sister Regina worked with Sister Theodosia in the kitchen. All of the sisters who served Arcadia were hard working individuals, dedicated to providing healthcare for the community. For them, each day began with Mass with the morning meal together followed by their day-long duties in the hospital. For the most part, they were private people who lived on the third floor of the hospital. The people who knew them best were those who worked for or with them.

In 1983, sponsorship of the hospital was transferred to the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse and became a part of the Franciscan Health System. Sister Adelpha, Renatius and Banthina stayed on until August 1987 when they retired to their Motherhouse in Bad Neuenahr, Germany. Franciscan Skemp ultimately closed the hospital in 2011. The funds for these scholarships originated from the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation, which was founded to accept donations of funds to be used for the betterment and good works of the St. Joseph's Hospital & Nursing Home in Arcadia, Wisconsin. When the hospital and nursing home closed, the remainder of the funds on deposit became available for other charitable uses by Arcadia Educational Foundation Inc.

The St. Joseph's Foundation Scholarships are proudly named in honor of these Sisters who unselfishly gifted their labors and talents to the healthcare of the Arcadia community:

Sister Laetitia: Business – related scholarship

Sister Renatius: Earth Sciences or Engineering scholarship

Sister Adelpha: Medical field scholarship

Sister Banthina: Medical related scholarship

Sister Theodosia: Vocational scholarship

Sister Regina: Vocational scholarship