



CHRISTA JOYCE FOUNDATION NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Christa Joy Joyce was born on April 4, 1986, to Bruce and Carolyn Joyce of Clarkesville and was a 2004 Habersham Central High School graduate and resident of Clarkesville, Georgia. Christa served proudly in the United States Air Force for 3 years and was part of the Security Forces. After her service, Christa began nursing school and had only 8 months of college left to complete her RN degree. Christa's desire was to help others by caring for them in a joyous and loving way that only Christa could do. Christa had been on several medical mission trips and her desire was to one day return to Africa as an RN and help those in need on a medical ship. On May 13, 2014, at the age of 28, Christa was in a tragic one-car automobile accident and passed away on May 22, 2014, from the injuries she sustained from the accident. This foundation was formed by her family and friends to honor her life and to help others who wish to become a nurse. Even though her life was cut short, and she was unable to fulfill that lifelong dream, Christa would have been honored to know that she in some small way could help others fulfill their dream. This nursing scholarship will serve as a tribute to Christa's life of courage, love, and service to others.

This is not just another scholarship to the family and friends of Christa. This is a scholarship that is given in her memory that is very thought out so that the perfect candidate is selected to carry on a legacy of giving and serving others. It means a lot to our family and the foundation board (consists only of individuals who knew Christa and her heart so that the perfect candidate can be selected) that you are applying for this scholarship, and we feel honored that you are applying in memory of our beloved Christa.

Scholarships will be awarded each year to individuals who are pursuing a nursing career. The amount of the scholarships will depend on money raised and donations given to the foundation. All scholarships are ONE TIME awards. Our goal is to award a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 scholarships per year that will range from \$500 and up. The amount of each scholarship will be announced annually depending on the money raised or donated to Christa's foundation. **The minimum yearly scholarship will be \$500 to one individual.

To be eligible for the Christa Joyce Nursing scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Qualifying student must be a permanent legal resident who resides in the state of Georgia.
- Student must be accepted to a college where they will be pursuing a degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse.
- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior in the current year.
- Students must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Applicants must be attending college in the Summer or Fall of the same year they graduate high school.
- Students must be attending an accredited institution. (College, junior or community college, or technical school/college)
- Students must be attending an institution of higher education that offers an approved program of study toward a nursing degree. (LPN or RN)

Applicant Instructions and Documents Required

Submit all the following REQUIRED documents:

1. Completed Application Form. (Please fill out completely)
2. Transcripts of high school grades.
 - *G.P.A. requested on application must be current.*
3. Letter of acceptance into an educational institution where the student will be attending and pursuing a nursing degree as an LPN or RN.
4. Letters of recommendation from Teachers, Career Counselors, or Guidance Counselors - A minimum of 2 letters are required.
5. Additional letters or endorsements/recommendations (non-school related) are encouraged but not required.
6. Complete a 300-400 word essay stating your reasons for pursuing a nursing career.

***All documents are required to be considered for the Christa Joyce Foundation Nursing Scholarship. Failure to submit the required documents will disqualify students from consideration of this scholarship.*

Selection process and scholarship award:

- The selection process will occur in April by the foundation board selection committee. Students will not be notified directly. The school counselor will be notified of the recipient of the scholarship for that year.
- All scholarship recipients will be announced at the school's scholarship awards ceremony at their respective schools. If the school does not have a scholarship ceremony, the student will be contacted by mail.
- A representative of the Christa Joyce Foundation will be at the school's scholarship awards ceremony to award the scholarship to the student. There will be an important letter given to the recipient at the ceremony with further instructions as to next steps.
- Scholarship winners must provide the address of the college to which their check is to be mailed. The scholarship check will be made payable to the school and may only be used for tuition and books and will be mailed August/September each year to the prospective school.
- If for any reason awardee withdraws from school and/or college and is unable to begin their college career as stated in this application, scholarship funds will not be sent to the respective college but will be returned to the scholarship fund for future participants OR scholarship committee may choose to award another student, that applied in the same school year, the scholarship.
- Applications must be received **on or before April 20.**

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NURSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Cell Phone _____ Employer _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____ Phone _____

Do you have siblings living in the home under the age of 18? Yes or No How many live at home? _____

High School _____ Phone _____

Address _____

School Counselor Name _____ G.P.A. _____

Intended Major _____ Start date _____

College where accepted _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Estimated tuition cost per semester \$ _____

Have you applied for financial aid (including grants, loans, and scholarships)? Yes or No

Indicate amount of financial assistance available yearly from other sources:

Grants:	Type _____	Amount \$ _____
	Type _____	Amount \$ _____
Loans:	Type _____	Amount \$ _____
	Type _____	Amount \$ _____
Scholarships:	Type _____	Amount \$ _____
	Type _____	Amount \$ _____
Other:	Type _____	Amount \$ _____
	Type _____	Amount \$ _____

ACADEMIC AWARDS/HONORS

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Describe yourself in 1-2 sentences:

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Application and required documents can be mailed or emailed to:

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