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The Foundation is incorporated for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts and donations to the MHCA Scholarship Foundation are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

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\$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 \$_____

Name _____

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City/State/Zip _____

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In memory of _____

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Donald E. Pizzini
*Memorial
Nurse Scholarship
Program*



Montana Health Care Association
Scholarship Foundation

MHCA



the **MHCA Scholarship**
Foundation exists to create a perpetual
source of financial support for education
to sustain a compassionate and skilled
nursing work force to meet current and
future demands of long term care.

Scholarship Foundation . . . developing a nursing workforce to meet Montana's current and future needs . . . you can help.

Meeting the needs of our growing elderly population means we will need more people to provide skilled and compassionate nursing care, yet there is a shortage of nurses in Montana and throughout the United States.

The Montana Health Care Association, which represents nursing homes, assisted living facilities and personal assistance agencies throughout the state of Montana, created a Foundation to offer nurse scholarships to Montana students in an attempt to help develop a nursing workforce to meet our current and future needs.

The purpose of the Foundation is to create a perpetual scholarship fund through donations and investment income and to award scholarships to deserving nursing students.

Pursuing a career in nursing will undeniably have its challenges. What shouldn't be a challenge is finding the financial resources to help achieve career goals.

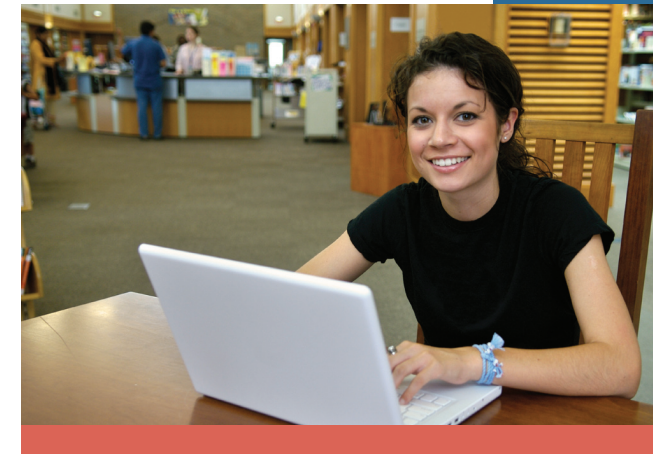
You can help. Your generous donation now will touch the lives of not only those studying to become nurses but also the patients these nurses will care for in the years to come.

Nursing scholarships . . . helping the students and health care workers of today become the caring nursing professionals of tomorrow.

Each year the Foundation awards several scholarships of up to \$1,000 each under its Donald E. Pizzini Memorial Nurse Scholarship Program. These scholarships are granted to college students from Montana, as well as professionals who are already working in the long-term care field who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing or in advancing in their nursing career—with an emphasis on long term care.

This program memorializes Don Pizzini, a former President of MHCA, and a former Director of the

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services. In his many years as administrator of the Cascade County Convalescent Center in Great Falls, and in his work with MHCA, he had a passionate commitment to long term care and the elderly and to the dedicated caregivers who worked to give them the quality of life they deserve. These scholarships are awarded in honor of this dedicated, innovative leader.



Applications must be submitted by February 28 of each year. Scholarship winners are determined by the Foundation board of directors. Scholarship funds may only be used by students to pay for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment and is paid directly to the educational institution.

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must meet specific eligibility criteria, including academic excellence, and must pursue study at an accredited college on a full-time or part-time basis in a nursing program relevant to long term care. Preference is given to those individuals currently working in or demonstrating an interest in pursuing a career in long term care.