Cindy Graves Nursing Scholarship

Scholarship Guidelines:

The Cindy Graves Nursing Scholarship is administered at the DeKalb County Community Foundation and can be used to offset educational expenses of nursing students who are currently working in nursing and continuing their education. Applicants must live in DeKalb County but need not be working in DeKalb County. **Individuals employed as a CNA are not eligible to apply.** Students may be pursuing nursing education on a full-time or part-time basis.

The scholarship is intended for students who are pursuing an additional degree or certification in nursing to grow professionally and better serve their patients. Preference is given to student applicants currently working in and/or pursuing additional education in the nursing specialization areas of: Public Health Nursing, Emergency Medicine, or Pediatrics. Students may attend any accredited educational institution, college, or university.

The inaugural scholarship amount to be distributed for the Fall 2023 semester is $1,000.

Applicants eligible to apply are:

1. Any permanent resident of DeKalb County, IL, currently working as a nurse and pursuing a nursing degree.
2. Preference is given to student applicants currently working in and/or pursuing additional education in the nursing specialization areas of: Public Health Nursing, Emergency Medicine, or Pediatrics.

To apply:

- Apply online at [www.dekalbccf.org/additional-scholarships](http://www.dekalbccf.org/additional-scholarships).
- Applications must be complete and submitted by 11:59 p.m. June 1.
- Contact Becky Zantout, Grants and Scholarships Manager, with questions at b.zantout@dekalbccf.org or 815-748-5383.

Cindy K. Graves’s life was dedicated to helping and caring for people. She was a registered nurse at Kishwaukee Hospital for 30 years – working as a pediatric nurse and emergency room RN, house supervisor, ER charge nurse, EMS educator, EMS coordinator, and Emergency Room Director from 2005 – 2012. From 2012 until the time of her death, Cindy worked at the DeKalb County Health Department as the Director of Community Health and Prevention, Health Promotion and Emergency Preparedness. Cindy was very active in the community and with her church.

This scholarship award is endowed and created in her memory by her loved ones to assist generations of nurses as they work to advance their career goals and honor her legacy and impact on the many lives she touched in DeKalb County.