



Maryellen LaRoche Nursing Scholarship *Question & Answer Sheet*

1. **What is the goal of this scholarship program?**

The Home Care Association of New Hampshire established the Maryellen LaRoche Nursing Scholarship to support individuals currently employed in home healthcare who are working towards an associate, bachelors or advanced nursing degree. The Scholarship honors Maryellen LaRoche, who was the executive director of Carroll County Health & Home Care in Chocorua until her death in 2009 and a mentor to paraprofessional and nursing staff throughout her career.

2. **Who is eligible to apply?**

The program is open to New Hampshire residents who are currently employed in any capacity at a home care agency that is a member in good standing of the Home Care Association of New Hampshire. Non-residents are also eligible to apply so long as they have worked for at least the past three (3) years at a NH home health agency. The applicant must also be presently enrolled in a nursing program either approved by the NH Board of Nursing or an accredited program located outside of NH.

3. **Are there any other eligibility requirements?**

The applicant must have successfully completed at least one year of coursework in the nursing program. They may be working toward an associate, bachelors or masters degree in nursing, and they may be attending school on a full-time or part-time basis.

4. **What is the size of the scholarship award(s)?**

The Association expects to award either one \$2,000 or two \$1,000 scholarships each year, depending on the financial resources available. Additional awards may be made if funds allow.

5. **Can these funds be used for education related expenses other than tuition?**

Yes. These funds can be used for books, lab fees, and other education fees, materials and equipment, but cannot be used for transportation, housing, childcare, etc. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the educational institution to be applied toward the students expenses.

6. **When are applications due?**

Applications are due at the Home Care Association of New Hampshire, 8 Green St., Concord, NH 03301 no later than May 1 of each year.

7. **When will the awards be made?**

The Association will announce award recipients at its Annual Meeting in June of each year.

8. **How will this affect my current financial aid for nursing school?**

You need to talk with the financial aid office at your college or university to get the answer to this question.

9. **If I have received this scholarship in the past, can I reapply for another year?**

Yes, but only when seeking a different degree in nursing. For example, if you received a scholarship when working on your associates degree in nursing, you may reapply should you go on for a BSN, so long as you continue to meet the criteria.

10. **Who do I talk to if I have more questions?**

You may contact Gina Balkus at the Home Care Association of New Hampshire at 603-225-5597 or gbalkus@homecarenh.org.