

## Smith & Van Orsdel Nursing Scholarship

*Hard working and well liked, Doris Smith served nearly 35 years as a registered nurse with Montana Deaconess Medical Center until just before her death in 1983. She was known for her delightful sense of humor and warm personality. Aware of her devotion and interest in the future of nursing, friends and family created a nursing scholarship in Doris' name.*

*It was through the special interest of Rev. W. Van Orsdel that the Deaconess Hospital, now Benefis Healthcare, first began providing care in Great Falls in 1898. In memory of the hospital's founder and the significant contributions he made to the medical care of people in Montana, an annual nursing scholarship was created.*

Benefis Healthcare Foundation administers the Smith & Van Orsdel Nursing Scholarships. Selections will be made through the Foundation's Healthcare Scholarship Selection Committee. The amount and number awarded for these Scholarships is subject to change each year. These scholarships provide for books and tuition only.

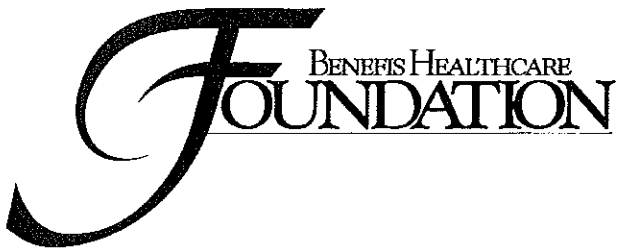
### Award Criteria

Applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Montana State University – Bozeman nursing student enrolled in the MSU degree program at Great Falls Extended Campus.
- Identify professional goals.
- Have attained junior or higher status and be actively seeking either a bachelor of science or a Master of Science degree.
- Have an accumulated grade point average of 2.75 or higher.
- Demonstrate leadership abilities and show sound clinical performance.
- Demonstrate service to community, the college of nursing and/or your profession.
- Submit a written letter of recommendation from MSU Nursing Faculty member or supervisor.
- If you are a Benefis Healthcare employee you need to submit a letter of recommendation from your current manager.
- Completed Consent and Disclosure form.

***APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE:  
May 15<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>***

Completed applications must be submitted by mailing to Benefis Healthcare Foundation, Attn: Scholarship Program, PO Box 7008, Great Falls, MT 59406-7008 or deliver to 1101 26<sup>th</sup> St S, South Tower, Benefis Healthcare Foundation office, Great Falls, MT. For information call 455-5840 or access the website at [www.benefisfoundation.org](http://www.benefisfoundation.org). Scholarships will be awarded upon availability and will be selected by the Healthcare Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the accredited school.



## *Doris Smith & Rev. Van Orsdel Nursing Scholarship Application*

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Major and/or Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Senior or Junior Student \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade point average \_\_\_\_\_ Semester applying for \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work outside school \_\_\_\_\_ Hours per week \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for a scholarship with us previously under another name?  Yes  No  
If yes, what name(s) was it? \_\_\_\_\_

For what percentage (approximately) of your educational expenses are you personally responsible? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving any other type of financial aid in the form of a grant or loan? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving any other awards or scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

Please include with this Application:

- A brief description of why you feel you should be considered for this award.
- Include a combination of academic, leadership qualities, clinical skills, and detail any community involvement.
- Identify your professional goals.
- Submit a written letter of recommendation from MSU Nursing faculty member.
- If you are a Benefis Healthcare employee submit a written letter from your current manager.
- Your most recent college transcript.
- Completed Consent and Disclosure form.
- A copy of the letter of acceptance into a certified healthcare program or college.

*Omission of any of the above information may eliminate your application from consideration. All requested materials must be submitted with the application.*

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