2016-17 Scholarship Opportunities
with April 15, 2016 Application Deadline

To receive a Foundation scholarship, students must enroll in a minimum of six (6) credits, unless the scholarship requires the student to be enrolled full-time. Full-time enrollment is defined as a minimum of 12 credits for undergraduate programs and a minimum of 9 credits for graduate studies.

General Scholarships

Dorothy L. Gibboney Memorial Scholarship
Dorothy Gibboney served as a member of the College Task Force during the development phase of the College and was a member of its first board until her death in 1984. She was an educator in the Roanoke public school system and contributed her leadership to the education of students, and serving as a civic leader in her community. This scholarship was established in her memory to benefit students in meeting their health care educational goals.

- Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in Jefferson College of Health Sciences.
- Priority is given to students demonstrating financial need.

Donna Mathews Scholarship
This scholarship was established in recognition of Mathews' more than 32 years of service to the College, Community Hospital of the Roanoke Valley School of Nursing, and Jefferson Hospital School of Nursing. Mathews served in many capacities over those 32 years, but retired as the Financial Aid Officer at the College in 1990. At that time, she was awarded the Doctorate of Letters by the College.

- Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to full-time senior students enrolled in Jefferson College of Health Sciences.
- Students must have maintained a 3.0 grade point average at Jefferson College of Health Sciences.
The Seavor Scholars Fund
The Seavor Scholars Fund was established by family, friends and colleagues to recognize Dr. Carol Seavor’s retirement as President of Jefferson College of Health Sciences. The scholarship honors her years of leadership, during which she led the college in unprecedented growth in enrollment and academic programs. The Seavor Scholar will be awarded annually to a student of merit.

- Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to full-time student enrolled in Jefferson College of Health Sciences.
- Student must demonstrate leadership quality.
- Student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while at Jefferson College of Health Sciences.
- Student must have completed a minimum of 50 hours of community service.

Dr. Hugh Trout, Sr. Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Hugh Trout, Sr. founded Jefferson Hospital in 1908, and later, founded the School of Nursing within the hospital, in 1914. The endowment was set up many years ago by friends and medical associates of Dr. Trout. The former Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley strongly supported the endowment as well.

- Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to full-time students enrolled in Jefferson College of Health Sciences.
- Priority is given to students demonstrating financial need.

Emergency Services

George Solonevich Scholarship
George Solonevich was an accomplished book illustrator and artist who eventually loved to Roanoke after living under tyranny in other parts of the world. As a young man, Mr. Solonevich fled Stalinist Russia after being jailed several times in his young life. From Russia, he went to Germany only to live through the tortuous Nazi power. In 1993, Mr. Solonevich suffered life threatening burns in an accident and often expressed his appreciation for the paramedics that rescued him from his mountain top home. Upon, Mr. Solonevich’s death in 2003 his close friend Edwin Ewing established a scholarship in memory of his late friend.

- Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Emergency Services Program.
- Priority given to a graduate of Patrick Henry High School or William Fleming High School and students demonstrating financial need.
- Preference given to minority students.

Carilion Clinic Life-Guard Annual Scholarship
This scholarship was established in 2015 by the Carilion Clinic Patient Transport Group utilizing proceeds from their annual Rotor Run 5K.

- Funds from the Scholarship shall provide assistance for tuition, books, and other related fees to students enrolled in the Emergency Services and Nursing programs at Jefferson College of Health Sciences.
• One (1) scholarship annually will be available for students in the Emergency Services program and one (1) scholarship annually for students in the Nursing program demonstrating financial need and detail their aspiration to serve as a flight paramedic or flight nurse with Carilion Clinic Life-Guard.

Nursing

Rita M. Bishop Scholarship
This scholarship was established to honor Rita M. Bishop, R.N., B.S.N., by friends upon her retirement. She dedicated her career, over 35 years, to Operating Room Services. Her work served to promote operating room nursing education and recognition. Mrs. Bishop was always forward thinking and kept “her OR’s” on the forefront of technology, nursing practice and excellent patient care processes.

• Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the nursing program.
• Student must have an interest in surgical nursing or entering the adopt-a-student nursing program.
• Must have a college grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
• Student must be entering their junior year at Jefferson College of Health Sciences.

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Stanley Brandon Kamm Memorial Nursing Scholarship
This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Mr. Kamm. In 1969, Kamm was appointed as administrator of Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital, a position he held for 16 years. Returning to Roanoke, Kamm was appointed vice president of Burrell Nursing Center, a division of Carilion Health System.

• Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the nursing program.
• Priority is given to students demonstrating financial need.
• Must have a high school grade point average of 2.75 or College grade point average of 2.5.
Debra Kimmel McNamara Memorial Nursing Scholarship
McNamara graduated as a diploma nurse from Conemaugh Valley Hospital (PA) in 1976. After 10 years as a registered nurse, Debra completed her bachelor of science in nursing at the University of Pittsburgh. Her nearly 25-year nursing career ended as a result of disability associated with breast cancer. The scholarship was established in 2000, by Debra’s husband, John P. McNamara, Associate Professor at Jefferson College of Health Sciences and his family to honor her dedication to the nursing profession and her family. Student must be an upperclassman or graduate nursing student.
- Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the nursing program.
- Student must have a connection with breast cancer – either currently battling breast cancer, a survivor or have a family member that is affected by it.
- Student must be an upperclassman or graduate nursing student.
- Priority is given to students demonstrating financial need.

James Sublett Nursing Scholarship
This scholarship was established to honor Sublett’s lifetime commitment of service to persons in need of extended health care services.
- Provides assistant for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the nursing program.
- Priority given to student with the intent of working with geriatric patients.
- Must have a college grade point average of 2.5 or above.
- Priority given to student that has demonstrated a career commitment to nursing.
- Priority given to student that has demonstrated a commitment to community service.

Dr. Frederick Louis Troxel Nursing Scholarship
This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Troxel in recognition of his commitment to the healing arts and the profound regard that he had for nursing professionals.
- Provides assistant for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the nursing program.
- Student must be employed with Carilion Clinic and have a work agreement with Carilion Clinic.
- Student must be pursuing a Bachelors degree in nursing.

Occupational Therapy/Occupational Therapy Assistant
Kirsten B. Akehurst Memorial Endowed Scholarship
The Kirsten B. Akehurst Scholarship was started in 1997 after her passing by the Akehurst family to honor the memory of their daughter and sister, Kirsten. The scholarship was transferred to Jefferson College in 2015.
• Funds from the Scholarship shall provide assistance for tuition, books, and other related fees to students enrolled in the Occupational Therapy (OT) or Occupational Therapy Assistant Programs (OTA) at Jefferson College who have completed their first year of study in either the OT or OTA programs with a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.
• Priority will be given to students from southwestern Virginia.

Physical Therapy Assistant

Friendship Retirement Community Physical Therapist Assistant Scholarship
The Friendship Retirement Community Physical Therapist Assistant Scholarship was established in honor of the residents and staff of Friendship Retirement Community.

• Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the physical therapist assistant program.
• Preference given to an incoming freshman with an interest in long term care facilities and geriatric population.
• Priority is given to students demonstrating financial need.

Physician Assistant

James H. Neuhoff Memorial Scholarship
The James H. Neuhoff Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by his widow, Mrs. Bonnie Neuhoff in December 2009. Shortly before Jim’s death he gave a “thumbs up” to making a gift to Jefferson College of Health Sciences that would provide a scholarship, in perpetuity, to a Physician Assistant student. Jim was the Founder and President of Neuhoff Farms, Inc. Following retirement, he enjoyed a second career with Carilion Clinic’s Guest Services. Jim grew to know and befriend many of the Jefferson College of Health Sciences students during his time working the Guest Services desk at Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital.

• Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the physician assistant program.
• Preference given to a student from a federally mandated medically underserved area in the United States.

Theresa A. Thomas Memorial Scholarship
In 1999, The Theresa A. Thomas Memorial Foundation awarded the College a grant to endow Physician Assistant scholarships that would be awarded annually to PA students.

• Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to students enrolled in the physician assistant program.
• Awarded annually – 2 awards to first year students and 1 award to a second year student.
• Priority given to a student who has origins or a commitment to work in medically-underserved areas of Virginia.
• Preference given to a student involved in professional activities such as PA Student Society.
Respiratory Therapy

Dr. Robert L.A. Keeley Scholarship
This scholarship was established by the Virginia Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Foundation to recognize Dr. Keeley, a Board Certified physician in general and thoracic surgery and president of the Virginia Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Foundation since 1975, for his tireless and selfless efforts in providing support focusing on research and education in the fields of TB and respiratory diseases.

- Provides assistance for tuition, books and other related fees to one incoming freshman enrolled in the respiratory therapy program.
- Priority is given to students demonstrating financial need.
- Priority is given to students with a strong academic record.
- The recipient will continue to receive the scholarship in the spring semester if he/she earns a 2.0 grade point average with no grade lower than a “C”.
