LaVerne Aldridge Scholarship Application

Application Deadlines:
Fall: April 1
Spring: November 1

Application Criteria:
1) Enrolled in NURS 1118, Foundations of Nursing
2) A 2.5 GPA in courses required for the nursing degree
3) Provide a narrative of financial need
4) Demonstrate leadership in significant activities of the nursing program or of the OSU-Oklahoma City campus

Recipient Criteria:
1) Write a thank-you letter and submit to the Scholarship Committee Chair
2) Attend OSU-OKC donor appreciation events
3) Must successfully progress in nursing courses without interruption

Academic achievement, leadership potential and participation in significant activities of the nursing program are to be the overriding criteria in selecting the recipient. The intent of the LaVerne Aldridge Nursing Scholarship is to cover the cost of tuition, books, uniforms, fees and other expenses related to education for a career in nursing.

* The scholarship award begins in the second semester.
* The student will continue to receive this scholarship of $1,500 each semester as long as the above criteria are met for a total of $4,500.

Love for nursing runs deep in LaVerne’s family. Her mother, Josephine, as a fifteen-year old volunteer, assisted a country doctor during the 1918 influenza epidemic which took her father. She was prohibited by circumstance and discouraged from becoming a nurse. Some people did not consider nursing to be a ladylike profession in 1920. After raising her family, LaVerne’s mother trained to become a massage therapist, practicing that healing art until her death.

LaVerne entered nursing school at Hillcrest Hospital and Baylor University. She left halfway through her final year to marry a Baylor ministerial student because nursing students were not allowed to be married in 1949. Years later, divorced and abandoned with three young children, she was unable to return to her training. Instead, she focused her tender love and care upon family and friends.

LaVerne later married Bob Aldridge and gave birth to a fourth child. Once this child started to school, she was free to utilize her nursing skills to work in public health, establishing a highly successful family planning clinic and in mental health as a community coordinator working with alcoholics. This scholarship honors her and provides a way for a student, dedicated to the nursing profession, to overcome adverse circumstances which might prevent him or her from attaining professional status.
Application Date: ____________________

Name __________________________________________ Student ID(CWID) __________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________ Zip __________

Home Phone __________________________ Work Phone __________________________

Email ________________________________________________________________

Please indicate the nursing course in which you are currently enrolled. __________________________

On a separate sheet of paper, one page in 12 point font, please attach computer-generated responses to the following questions.

1. Indicate your yearly family income and briefly state your financial needs in narrative form.
   - [ ] 0 - $9,999
   - [ ] $10,000 - 19,999
   - [ ] $20,000 - 29,999
   - [ ] $30,000 - 39,999
   - [ ] over $40,000

2. Demonstrate leadership in significant activities of the nursing program or of the OSU-Oklahoma City campus.

3. I agree to write a thank you letter addressed to the donor. [ ]

4. I agree to attend OSU-OKC donor appreciation events. [ ]

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GPA for courses required for nursing: __________________________________________