

Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation

2024 Nursing Scholarship Reception

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The Nursing Scholarship Program at LHAAMC

The Nursing Scholarship Program was originally established in 1990 in memory of Marlene Reiter, RN, a staff nurse at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center. Over the last 34 years, LHAAMC has been able to award nearly 300 scholarships to educate, grow and empower nurses of all backgrounds across all areas of our hospital.

Thanks to the incredible support of our donors, thousands of lives have been impacted across our community, due to the dedication, compassion, and skill of our incredible nursing teams.

This year, we are so proud to award 26 scholarships to the following amazing recipients. Please take a moment to learn more them.

Heather Richards

Member of the LHAAMC team: 7 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Mother & Baby Unit, RN

Degree/program working towards: BSN

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“To continue my education on maternal and newborn health. I hope to learn new skills to help further my career and a mother baby nurse.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“This scholarship will allow me to go back to school full time and complete my BSN in one year. I can then focus on going back to school for my NP.”

Shantice Keene

Member of the LHAAMC team: 9 years

Current role at LHAAMC: LPN/ACE Unit

Degree/program working towards: RN

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"I received my LPN diploma last year and it is a great stepping stone. I believe with an RN degree I can do more for others because I have always been passionate about helping those in need."

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"The foundation scholarship is a great asset to have because I can continue to work full time and can focus on my studies without the financial burden. I love being an LPN but there are some limitations on tasks, but with an RN degree I can develop more skills and abilities."

Jenna Hulet

Member of the LHAAMC team: 2 years

Current role at LHAAMC: RN, BSN, CPN, PACU

Degree/program working towards: Master's in Health Services and Leadership, Education Focus, University of Maryland School of Nursing

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"I think continuous learning and growth leads to a life full of opportunity and abundance. I chose the nursing leadership and education path because I love being a nurse as well as contributing to others' growth in the field."

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"With this scholarship, I am able to obtain my advanced degree while also finding balance in my work, personal, and family life. Through this gift, I will be able to give back to others in the future, continuing to set the ripples in motion for the greater good."

Rebecca Yetton

Member of the LHAAMC team: 3 years

Current role at LHAAMC: RN, Mother Baby Unit

Degree/program working towards: Master's in Nursing: Pediatric Primary Care NP

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"I always knew I had a passion for pediatrics while obtaining my nursing degree. Since I had kids and worked in the Emergency Department and MBU, I knew I wanted to go further into my career. They always say once you stop school, it's hard to go back, so I just haven't stopped!"

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"It relieves the stress of working extra to pay for school while working full-time and raising two kids while doing homework and studying! So Grateful & Blessed for this opportunity!"

Ronnie Meyr

Member of the LHAAMC team: Almost 3 years

Current role at LHAAMC: BSN, RN on HVU

Degree/program working towards: BSN-DNP-FNP program at the University of Maryland

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“By advancing my education, I aim to increase/enhance my skills and knowledge, empowering myself to address healthcare needs more comprehensively.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“This scholarship will allow me to focus more on academics instead of working about the financial cost of pursuing this degree.”

Alexis Rice

Member of the LHAAMC team: 3 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Staff RN, Heart and Vascular Unit

Degree/program working towards: BSN

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“With a BSN, I’ll be more educated for my patients, have more skill set in advocating, understanding cultural differences and learn to work closer with the interdisciplinary team.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“I will be able to expand my career by mentoring new nurses, expand on an education role and work towards climbing clinical ladder 2.”



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Crystal Harris Takoudjou

Member of the LHAAMC team: 3 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Patient Care Technician

Degree/program working towards: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“My passion to help others.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“The nursing scholarship helps to make it possible.”

Cheryl Wuff

Member of the LHAAMC team: 4 years

Current role at LHAAMC: CVICU Clinical Educator

Degree/program working towards: MSN – Family Nurse Practitioner

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“My oldest daughter became ill in January of 2023. During this process, I became frustrated with healthcare and their lack of critical thinking and empathy for my daughter. My husband believed in me and pushed me to pursue my dream of finishing my Family Nurse Practitioner degree.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“This scholarship will help me pay for my clinicals that are required to complete my degree. It will also help alleviate some of the financial strain of paying for school.”

Sedonna M. Brown

Member of the LHAAMC team: 30 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Hospital Administrative Coordinator/Central Staffing/Nursing Operations

Degree/program working towards: Master's of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"My desire to advocate and facilitate healthcare for marginalized groups of individuals in a greater capacity."

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"It is enabling me to advance my service to humanity. It's given me the opportunity to further my career and reduce financial burden."

Lindsay McKenzie

Member of the LHAAMC team: 2.5 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Registered Nurse/Center for Maternal and Fetal Medicine

Degree/program working towards: Masters of Nursing: Health Services Leadership and Management with an Education Focus

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“My passion is to teach nursing students and give back to the nursing community that helped shape my career.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“It will help me to complete my degree and fulfill my career goals! I am so grateful to have received this award.”

Amanda Gardner

Member of the LHAAMC team: 4.5 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Patient Care Tech, ACE Unit

Degree/program working towards: Associate Degree – Registered Nurse

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“Ever since I received my CNA certification, I always wanted to pursue a degree in nursing. Once COVID started I decided to place a hold on starting school and put more time in to working at the hospital. I gained so much experience in that time and met some many wonderful people. Truly though it is my family on the ACE unit that inspires and supports me the most. Seeing and working beside the nurses and Pct’s there is what has strengthened my resolve and kept me going when things get hard.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“This scholarship is going to help ease some of the financial burden that nursing school places on students. It is truly an honor to be selected for one of these scholarships.”

Dana King

Member of the LHAAMC team: 8 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Registered Nurse - Mother Baby Unit

Degree/program working towards: Family Nurse Practitioner

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“Fellow colleagues and personal ambitions.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“It will enable monetary support towards my career goals as I continue to embark on my graduate degree.”

Logan Lomax

Member of the LHAAMC team: Almost 6 years

Current role at LHAAMC: PCT - Mother Baby Unit

Degree/program working towards: LPN

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“What inspired me to work towards my certification and future degree was when I was 16, I started working at a retirement home in dietary serving residents their meals, and then I started to do at-home care. I ended up getting my certification as a nursing assistant at just 19 years old and I just worked my way up with different jobs to gain experience in different fields/specialties. I knew I had a passion for nursing for years now and it's time for me to advance my career.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“This nursing scholarship will affect my life and career in a very good positive way, due to being a young adult working and trying to juggle going to school full time is a lot. Most people can't attend school because it's financially unaffordable. I will forever be grateful for winning this scholarship to help me further my career.”

Yolo Wilson

Member of the LHAAMC team: 5 years

Current role at LHAAMC: PACU Technician

Degree/program working towards: Bachelor's Degree

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"My passion and dedication towards making a difference in the lives of those in need."

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"This scholarship will be financially beneficial towards my purchase of nursing packs and uniforms as well as tuition. It will alleviate stress from my daily life so that I will have the ability to focus on my studies and the opportunity to become a thriving RN in the near future."

Chelsea Dieter

Member of the LHAAMC team: 2.5 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Pediatric Staff Registered Nurse

Degree/program working towards: Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“I want to further impact the pediatric population by advancing my knowledge and experience to aid in diagnosing, treating, and managing children within a primary care setting in rural and underserved areas of Maryland.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“This scholarship will save me from having to take out loans for my schooling so that I may continue to support my family and not give up on pursuing this prestigious and rewarding career.”

Danielle Greenberg

Member of the LHAAMC team: 3 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Registered Nurse, 4Med

Degree/program working towards: Bachelors in Nursing

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“Having a BSN provides a deeper understanding of research and leadership skills, which I feel will benefit my nursing care and improve patient outcomes. It can open up opportunities for career advancement, such as becoming a nurse practitioner or nurse educator. I am very interested in teaching nursing students in a clinical setting and having my BSN will allow me to do so.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“Firstly, it can alleviate the financial burden of pursuing a nursing education, reducing or eliminating the need for student loans and minimizing debt post-graduation. This financial relief allows me to focus more on my studies and clinical experiences, leading to better academic performance and preparation. This scholarship can also help to enhance my resume and lead to leadership opportunities or career advancement. Thank you so much!!!”

Stephanie Greenberg

Member of the LHAAMC team: 1.5 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Psychiatric Staff Nurse, McNew Inpatient Unit

Degree/program working towards: PMH-DNP

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“There is a dearth of psychiatric providers at every level, and being a PMHNP will enable me to provide a greater degree of care to those in need.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“This will have a significant impact on reducing my tuition and decreasing associated stressors.”

Tiffany Kronk

Member of the LHAAMC team: 5 years

Current role at LHAAMC: RN/HVU

Degree/program working towards: BSN

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

“Looking forward to advancing my career and expanding my knowledge of nursing by obtaining my BSN.”

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

“I am so honored to be receiving this nursing scholarship! This scholarship will help me tremendously with achieving my goals in nursing. It is very much appreciated. Thank you!”

Joniya Copper

Member of the LHAAMC team: 2 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Registered Nurse/Vascular Access Team

Degree/program working towards: Psychiatric-Mental Health MSN-Nurse Practitioner

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"I desire to be a Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner to be a part of the community of individuals who work to remove bias and negative connotations associated with receiving care for mental health. I desire to help people develop and create an equilibrium between the mind and body."

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"This nursing scholarship will help me maintain a healthy work and school balance by financially supporting my education journey. This scholarship will bring me one step closer to serving my community with exemplary mental health services."

Samantha Reece

Member of the LHAAMC team: 12 years

Current role at LHAAMC: LPN/4 Medical

Degree/program working towards: LPN-BSN

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"I love being in nursing! My minimum accomplishment is a bachelor's degree."

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"It helps me advance my career and help me pay for college Summer Semester vs out of pocket."

Amanda Furstenberg (Pate)

Member of the LHAAMC team: 5 years

Current role at LHAAMC: Registered Nurse

Degree/program working towards: I am getting my Master's Degree in Nursing and following up with my doctorate. When I am finished, I will be a family nurse practitioner with a specialty focus in obstetrics.

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"I became a mother of twin boys in February of 2023 at 26 years old! I always wanted to become a nurse practitioner, but self-doubt got in the way. I will always encourage my boys to be the best they can be, take risks, and shoot for the stars. I realized I had to follow my own advice. As a result, my program is going better than I could have ever imagined!"

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"As a registered nurse, I have been the eyes and ears for my patients at the bedside. I have seen the effects of clinical decisions in real time. With this insight, I am ready to call the shots for my patients! My hope is to work as a provider at Luminis Health OBGYN. I already have a good rapport established with the providers who are excited to see me transition! With my career advancement, I will also be able to help provide a better life for my family."



Rachel Metcalf

Member of the LHAAMC team: 2 Years

Current role at LHAAMC: Registered Nurse on Medical Surgical Unit

Degree/program working towards: BSN

What inspired you to work towards this degree or certification?

"I would like to be the best nurse I can for my patients."

How will this nursing scholarship affect your life and career?

"I will be able to spend more time with my son and less time worrying about providing for the two of us!"