

Ashland Community Health Foundation

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EVANS NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Scholarship program celebrates 20-year anniversary and more than \$1 million awarded

ASHLAND – Ashland Community Health Foundation is pleased to announce that this year—the 20th anniversary of [The William G. and Ruth T. Evans Endowed Nursing Scholarship](#)—17 worthy candidates have been awarded scholarships ranging from \$6,000 to \$18,000 for the 2022-2023 academic year. To date, more than \$1 million has been awarded in scholarships and supported 308 local students. To be eligible, students must be pursuing registered nursing degrees at Oregon Health Science University at Southern Oregon University or at Rogue Community College (RCC), and intend to work in the Rogue Valley after graduation.

We congratulate each of the recipients on their significant achievement:

- Amara Anderson
- Samantha Blommel
- Kylie Edmaiston
- Elena Feliz
- McKenna Frison
- Amy Hickey
- Abigail Kollar
- Adriana Lunoak
- Anjuli Mcnamara
- Jessie Nichols
- Edith Ramirez
- Roger Reeves
- Shanae Roberts
- Liza Salazar
- Robin Sanchez
- Hanna Whitescorn
- Polly Yang

Each year the foundation scholarship selection committee receives applications from qualified students for the prestigious scholarship. After thoughtful deliberation, this year the committee was pleased to be able to award more than \$175,000 in scholarships to selected students—the largest amount ever granted since the inception of the program. Additional awards will be made to the 17 students in the graduating class of RCC's Licensed Practical Nursing Program in September. The scholarship covers the cost of state licensing and exam fees for graduates so they can move swiftly into the workforce.

It was always important to Ruth Evans to help others, which is why she served as an Army nurse in World War II. Early on, Ruth recognized the need for nurses and the importance of education. In 2002, Ruth

wanted to help meet the local need for nurses and to honor Bill, her late husband of 55 years, who was a family practice physician. With the help of her daughters, Peg and Barb, she established the William G. and Ruth T. Evans Endowed Nursing Scholarship at ACHF.

Ruth passed away in 2013 leaving a bequest to ACHF that ensures her legacy will live on in perpetuity.

Ashland Community Health Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 leading philanthropic efforts to advance innovative and equitable approaches to community health and wellness. Contributions to the foundation are tax-deductible and can be made securely through our website at achfoundation.org or mailed to our office at 123 Clear Creek Drive, Suite 101, Ashland, Oregon 97520.

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