



The Roger & Sandy Wilson Nursing Scholarship

The family of Roger & Sandy Wilson established the Roger & Sandy Wilson Nursing Scholarship in their memory to help individuals better themselves.

These scholarship funds are intended to ease the burden of tuition costs so that aspiring students or healthcare professionals can obtain advanced training in Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nursing degrees. The desired outcome is to enhance the local healthcare workforce and to strengthen the health system serving the Aitkin County and Garrison communities and surrounding areas.

Roger & Sandy passionately supported Riverwood Healthcare Center and believed others should join them in giving back to an organization that plays such a central role in our personal lives and in our community. In order to have high quality healthcare in a small rural community, it's important to have well educated and highly trained healthcare professionals.

The Wilson's mission in life was to help **individuals improve themselves** by giving them a chance. They believed that it was up to everyone to make a difference with the opportunity offered. This scholarship will help to give many nurses an **opportunity to advance** their careers in the healthcare field, and to make a **difference in the quality of healthcare** offered to patients.

One recipient will be selected annually, using a blind selection process from the eligibility criteria as stated.



ROGER & SANDY WILSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - 2026

Note: All scholarship applications will be due April 20, 2026. Recipients will receive their awards for the fall semester.

Purpose: These scholarship funds are intended to ease the burden of tuition costs so that aspiring students or healthcare professionals can obtain advanced training in Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nursing degrees. The desired outcome is to enhance the local healthcare workforce and to strengthen the health system serving the Aitkin County and Garrison communities and surrounding areas.

Eligibility:

- Candidate must be employed by a local healthcare facility.
- Candidates applying into the LPN or RN program **must be accepted** into a Nursing Program with an accredited college.

Selection is based on the following:

- All eligibility requirements are met
- **Leadership** skills
- **Commitment** to employer serving the Aitkin community
- References
- Completed essay

Attachments to be included with this application:

- Application cover page
- Scholarship application
- Letter of reference from **direct supervisor**
- Essay

Essay- In 750 words or less (double spaced, typewritten) explains why you are a good candidate for this award.

- Your reasons for choosing Nursing as a career.
- The personal qualities and leadership skills that you bring to nursing.
- Outline your current community involvement.
- Detail how scholarship funds will be used.
- How long do you intend to work and live in the Aitkin community.
- How you would benefit from the scholarship.



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Last, First, Middle

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Place of Employment

Part/Full Time

College or Class attending

Program/Concentration

Check one: CNA Program LPN Program RN Program

I hereby certify the information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Deadline Date: April 20, 2026
COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RETURN TO:
Riverwood Foundation Department
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RiverwoodFoundation@rwhealth.org
218-927-5158