



Memorial Community Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship

Memorial Community Hospital (MCH) Auxiliary will be awarding four \$2,000 scholarships and two \$3,000 scholarships for the 2025-2026 year. Depending on the number of qualified applicants, the Auxiliary Board reserves the right to award more scholarships. Applicants must be seeking a medical career in at least one discipline currently offered at MCH Health System.

One of the \$3,000 scholarships, named after Nurse Dorena Walker, will be awarded to a student specifically seeking a career in Nursing. Dorena was a private duty nurse in the old hospital. Supposedly, Dr. Sievers said he would leave if a new hospital wasn't built. That prompted Dorena to gather a committee of ladies together to go knocking on doors. They raised enough money to get a matching grant to build a new hospital.

The other \$3,000 scholarship, named after Ardis Grace, will be awarded to a student who demonstrates excellence in service and volunteerism. Ardis Grace, wife of Dr. Grace who practiced medicine in Blair for many years, helped start the MCH Auxiliary and was one of the original members of the Rummage Sale Committee.

Eligibility:

- Burt or Washington County High School graduate (past or current)
- Employee of MCH or a child of an MCH employee
- Attending, or will be attending, a medical related program in an accredited school/college

Selection Criteria:

Interest in a medical field is the foremost consideration along with service, volunteerism and academic performance

Application requirements:

- Completed application form
- Two letters of recommendation from non-family members
- Official school transcript
- Activities resume
- Volunteer experience and number of hours
- Senior photo



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Name: _____
Last First Middle Date of Birth

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

College attending/applying to: _____

Accepted? _____ If already attending, how long? _____

GPA/class rank (high school or college): _____

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

_____ Please attach resume of extracurricular activities, leadership positions, hobbies, volunteer experience and hours, and job experience.

Please answer the following questions:

1) Why did you choose this field?

2) Describe any skills, strengths, or involvement that would prepare you for a career in the medical field.

3) What are your career goals?

4) Why are you applying for this scholarship?

5) Are you currently enrolled or accepted into a higher education medical field or nursing program?

Requirements for completed application:

Official school transcript, activities resume and two letters of recommendation from non-family members. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **April 1st, 2026**.

Please mail to:

Washington County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee
c/o Lizz Abrahams
1615 Washington Street
Blair, NE 68008

Questions?

Please contact scholarships@washcocommfoundation.org