

Johnson Family Nursing Scholarship

Scholarship: The name of the scholarship shall be The Johnson Family Nursing Scholarship

Type (Annual or Endowed):

Annual

*This Scholarship is renewable for two years (Given to a sophomore and then renewed twice through the end of the senior year)

Year Began:

2014

History:

Melanie Johnson was born and raised in River Falls, Wisconsin, on a dairy farm with her parents and nine brothers and sisters. She was the first in the family to leave River Falls to attend college. She initially attended University of Wisconsin La Crosse, pursuing a teaching degree. After several semesters of various majors, her attention became more focused on health care when her brother Joey was diagnosed with cancer. After spending much time with her brother during his treatments, she transferred to Viterbo University (College at that time) into the nursing program. She graduated with her BSN from Viterbo, her Master's from Winona State University and her Doctorate in Nursing Practice from Minnesota State University Mankato.

Her first professional position was on the unit she was assigned as a senior nursing student at St. Francis Hospital - on the orthopedics/urology unit. She soon found orthopedics to be her specialty and worked in various capacities associated with St. Francis Hospital, Skemp Clinic and eventually Mayo Clinic Health System Franciscan Healthcare La Crosse. She also remains in a pool staff nurse position on the orthopedics/surgical unit. She has been teaching undergraduate nursing students at Winona State University for the past 15 years.

Melanie's career path has been guided by her faith and many family members, especially her brother's unfortunate situation and her mother's strong support for her to pursue her BSN. The road to nursing was not straight, but it is what she was called to do and Viterbo was where she was called to begin it all. Being authentic while providing patient care and advocating for patients/families are the greatest rewards in professional nursing and she would like others to have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those most vulnerable.

Purpose/Eligibility:

The purpose of the Johnson Family Nursing scholarship is to provide financial assistance for: 1) A Full-time Sophomore (or higher if sophomore is not applicable) Nursing major accepted into the traditional undergraduate Nursing Program, 2) Must be in good academic standing, 3) Student must be from Pierce County (Wisconsin) or St. Croix County (Wisconsin), 4)

Preference should be given to individuals who have been in or are in 4-H and/or Future Farmers of America (FFA), and 5) Financial need is NOT a criteria

Selection Process: Department Selected

The Nursing Department will select a recipient of the Johnson Family Nursing scholarship from the Applications they receive.

Johnson Family Nursing Scholarship Application

Viterbo University

The Johnson Family Nursing Scholarship was created in 2014 by Dr. Melanie Johnson, a graduate of Viterbo's nursing program, to assist traditional undergraduate nursing majors to complete their degrees at Viterbo University. Applicants for the scholarship must be full-time undergraduate nursing students accepted into the Nursing program, and in good academic standing within the Nursing Department.

Send application to: Chair: APRS Committee
School of Nursing
Viterbo University
900 Viterbo Drive
La Crosse, WI 54601

Fill in the following information

Name _____
Address _____
City/County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____
Email _____

Major: _____

Current Year in School: _____

4-H Member: Year _____ to _____ N/A _____

Future Farmers of America
(FFA) Member: Year _____ to _____ N/A _____