Now taking applications for

HEALTHCARE TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund was established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 2023. A core objective of this fund is to provide educational scholarships through partnerships between healthcare programs and healthcare providers to students pursuing programs targeting critical workforce needs in healthcare professions.

The awards will be considered full tuition awards. Applicants must be residents of Kentucky and are encouraged to complete a FAFSA.

Each recipient of a scholarship shall:

- Agree in the written contract to practice as a licensed or certified medical professional in the Commonwealth for a contract period of one (1) year for each academic year funded by the scholarship up to a maximum of two (2) total years.
- Sign a promissory note as evidence of the scholarship and the authority to recoup all the scholarship amount awarded to the individual upon failure to complete the terms of the contract.

Scholarship Award Requirements

- Academic transcript: Provide an official or unofficial copy of your current academic transcript.
- Letters of Recommendation: Submit two letters of recommendation from professors, mentors, or professionals in the field who can speak to your dedication, character, and potential in the nursing profession.
- Resume: Provide a current resume detailing your educational background, work experience, volunteer activities, and any relevant extracurricular involvement.
- Signed acknowledgment: Applicants will read and understand the scholarship program guidelines and post-graduation employment expectations and provide acknowledgment of this.
- Personal Statement responding to the following prompt in 500-700 words: Discuss your background, highlighting experiences, if any, of growing up in a rural area or as a member of an underrepresented population. Discuss how these experiences have ignited your passion to become a BSN prepared nurse. Explain your career goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Selection Criteria

- Applicant must be an undergraduate student majoring in the BSN degree.
- Priority will be given to those who are residents of a county or surrounding county where the partner healthcare organization is located and/or identify as a member of an underrepresented population group and/or come from a rural area.
- Cumulative GPA is 3.25 or higher.
- Student must demonstrate a commitment to pursuing a career in nursing in rural Kentucky.

The application, transcript, letters of recommendation, resume, and personal statement should be submitted in one document to nursing@wku.edu by November 5, 2026.

Healthcare Training Scholarship Application

Instructions: Please complete the application and email to nursing@wku.edu with your academic transcript, two letters of recommendation, resume, and personal statement.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Kentucky Resident ☐ Yes ☐ No
WKU ID Number:	Phone:
Local address:	
Mailing address: (if different than above)	
City:	State: ZIP Code:
WKU E-Mail Address:	
Major:	Minor:
Overall GPA (minimum 3.25):	Earned Credit Hours

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SIGNATURE of Applicant: Date:

By signing I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form.

Indicate your work preference after graduation by ranking the participating healthcare partners:

Med Center Health _____

TJ Regional Health _____

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO nursing@wku.edu and MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11-5-2026.