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and Scholarships**

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Health Careers Scholarship Opportunities

The scholarships listed below are specifically for students studying nursing and other health careers at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). Students may also be eligible for other scholarships based on their background (e.g., veterans, first-generation students, graduates of certain high schools). Both the FAFSA and the Tri-C General Scholarship application must be completed to be considered for a scholarship award. [Complete the application here.](#)

Nursing and Health Careers Scholarship

Established in response to growing enrollment in Tri-C's nursing and health careers programs and the need for a highly educated health care workforce. This fund is supported with donations from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, The Sam J. Frankino Foundation, Katherine T. O'Neill, Park Foundation, Sherwick Fund of The Cleveland Foundation, and numerous individuals and businesses.

Criteria

- Admitted to Tri-C's Nursing program or another health career program.
- Meets minimum GPA requirements for program.
- Applicant must be in good standing.



Gail and Richard Bowen Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2009 to support the advancement of individuals in our community. The Bowens have been longtime partners of Cuyahoga Community College, with Gail serving as a Tri-C Foundation Board director. The Bowen family is committed to our community and are active in several foundations that support education, social services and the arts. This scholarship is renewable for up to three years.

Criteria

- Pursuing a degree or certificate in any Tri-C health careers program, including nursing.

Ardelia Lois Dickens and Zella M. Haggins Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Ardelia Lois Dickens, who enrolled at Tri-C at age 42, graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in 1976 and became a registered nurse. The fund was augmented by Edward T. Haggins in memory of his wife — and Dickens' sister — Zella M. Haggins, who graduated from Tri-C with honors in 1982 at age 56.

Criteria

- African American student.
- Pursuing a degree or certificate in a health careers program that includes training as a therapist.
- Able to contribute a portion of their own educational costs.

Dr. David Duncan Endowed Scholarship

Established in memory of David Duncan, a Cleveland public school graduate who survived a vicious attack en route to class in the 11th grade. Cleveland residents responded by donating to a college fund that enabled Duncan to earn a bachelor's degree. He went on to earn master's and doctorate degrees and enjoyed a successful career as a teacher and administrator. He taught biology at Tri-C for more than a decade.

Criteria

- Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Sophomore academic standing.
- City of Cleveland resident.
- Pursuing a degree or certificate in any Tri-C health careers program, including nursing.

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Morton G. Epstein Endowed Scholarship

Established in 2017 to recognize Morton G. Epstein for his numerous contributions to Cuyahoga Community College, the Tri-C Foundation and the Greater Cleveland community. In his 14 years of service as a Foundation Board director, Epstein was dedicated to ensuring educational access and degree completion. This fund provides financial assistance for students who might not otherwise be able to access or continue their college education.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Cuyahoga County resident.
- At least one year of coursework completed.
- Preference given to students enrolled in a health careers program.



William Falkenstein Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Established in memory of William A. Falkenstein Jr.

Criteria

- Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Enrolled in Tri-C's Nursing or Surgical Technology program.
- At least two semesters of coursework completed.

Dr. David G. Gillespie Memorial Respiratory Care Endowed Scholarship

Established in memory of David Gillespie, M.D., the founder and first medical director of Cuyahoga Community College's Respiratory Care program.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- First-year student.
- Enrolled in the Respiratory Care associate degree program.
- At least one academic term completed.
- Applicant must be in good standing.
- Preference given to African American students and other minorities.

Health Careers Institute Scholarship

Established through a generous grant from the David and Inez Myers Foundation, this scholarship is designed to meet the needs of students in various health career occupations. Awards may also be made for educational expenses such as child care, temporary transportation costs, tutoring and other situations that may restrict a student's access to education.

Criteria

- Enrolled in a Health Careers Institute program.

Daphne Darleen Johnson Veterinary Technology Scholarship Fund

As a Tri-C alumna and advocate for higher education, Daphne Johnson left a lasting legacy through the support she gave to her husband, Alex Johnson, in his role as Tri-C president. Her full life, passion, talents and love for animals will continue through the work of students who receive assistance through the scholarship fund established in her name.

Criteria

- Admitted into Tri-C's Veterinary Technology program.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA.



Dr. Henderson Andrew Johnson III Endowed Scholarship

Established in honor of Henderson A. Johnson III, D.D.S., founding chairman of the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation and leader of the College's Dental Hygiene program.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Enrolled in Tri-C's Dental Hygiene program.
- Preference given to minorities and socially and economically disadvantaged high school graduates (or equivalent).

Karen Kress-Burke Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Karen Kress-Burke, clinical instructor in respiratory therapy at Tri-C's Western Campus. See Respiratory Care program manager for application. Recipients selected following interview by special committee.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.7 GPA.
- Second-year student.
- Enrolled in Tri-C's Respiratory Care program.

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MEDICAL MUTUAL®

Medical Mutual Endowed Scholarship for Nursing and Health Career Students

Established by Medical Mutual of Ohio to provide educational opportunities for future health care workers. Recipients are recognized as Medical Mutual Scholars.

A trusted insurer for more than 85 years, Medical Mutual is the oldest — and one of the largest — health insurance companies based in Ohio. The company provides peace of mind to more than 1.6 million Ohioans through its high-quality health, life, disability, dental, vision, indemnity and wellness plans. The company offers fully insured and self-funded group coverage, including stop loss, as well as Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and individual plans.

Medical Mutual's status as a mutual company means it can operate for the benefit of its members without needing to meet the demands of stockholders or Wall Street analysts. Instead, the company focuses on developing products and services that allow it to better serve its customers and Ohio communities and help its members achieve their best possible health and quality of life. Learn more at medmutual.com.

Criteria

- Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Enrolled in any Tri-C health careers program, including nursing.



MetroHealth Empowering Communities Endowed Scholarship

As part of its mission, MetroHealth not only takes care of the ill and injured — it also focuses on “Leading the way to a healthier you and a healthier community through service, teaching, discovery and teamwork.” In an effort to extend that mission, this fund supports MetroHealth employees and their family members as well as residents of the neighborhoods surrounding its Main Campus Medical Center. This scholarship is renewable for one year as long as criteria are met.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Enrolled in a workforce training program that leads to a certificate or credential in a high-demand field.
- Preference given to MetroHealth employees and their family members, students who reside in MetroHealth's core communities and students enrolled in a Tri-C health careers program.
- Develop and sign an Academic Plan (credit students only).

Gloria Moosmann Endowed Scholarship Fund

Established to recognize Gloria Moosmann's dedication and commitment to ensuring educational access for students who face financial barriers while pursuing a Tri-C education. In a career spanning more than 45 years, Moosmann has the distinction of having worked with all four College presidents. She led the first major gifts campaign of the Tri-C Foundation. Under her leadership, the Foundation experienced significant growth in program development and enhancement as well as in student scholarships.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Nursing student enrolled for at least nine credits per semester.

Nursing Center of Excellence Scholarship

Established to support nursing students at Cuyahoga Community College.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Admitted into Tri-C's Nursing program.



Ohio Desk/Don Pilch Endowed Scholarship

Established in honor of Don Pilch, a valued former employee of Ohio Desk who was known for his enthusiasm, friendship and warmth.

Ohio Desk is Northeast Ohio's leading provider of premier workplace solutions including custom interior design services, move and asset management, furniture and architectural products, and rental services.

Criteria

- Enrolled in any Tri-C health careers program, including nursing.

Terry Lee Spengler Endowed Scholarship

Established to recognize the critical role that physical and occupational therapy assistants play in patient support and recovery. Two annual awards: one to a student in Tri-C's Physical Therapist Assisting Technology program and one to a student in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology program.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.7 GPA.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Studying physical or occupational therapy assisting at Tri-C.

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The Joyce M. and Herbert W. Stielau Foundation Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Established to honor the mission of the Joyce M. and Herbert W. Stielau Foundation, this scholarship is awarded to one first-year nursing student each year. It is renewable as long as the recipient continues to meet the criteria described below.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Enrolled full time (at least 12 credits per semester).
- Applicant must be in good academic standing.
- Maintain continuous enrollment until degree requirements are completed.
- Preference given to honorably discharged veterans.



University Hospitals Endowed Scholarship

Established to assist students pursuing health careers education at Cuyahoga Community College.

University Hospitals is leading health care and advancing how we heal, teach and discover by delivering the highest quality care through personalized experiences and meaningful innovation. Every day for nearly 150 years, UH physicians, nurses and employees have renewed our promise to patients. UH serves communities across Northeast Ohio through 18 hospitals, including our nationally ranked UH Case Medical Center, UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, UH Seidman Cancer Center and more than 40 health centers. UH Case Medical Center is the primary affiliate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, a nationally recognized leader in medical research and education.

Criteria

- Admitted to any Tri-C health careers program, including nursing.
- Applicant must be in good academic standing.

Veterinary Technology Scholarship

Established by the Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine, this fund is supported by numerous donations including gifts made by the Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine and the Medina Kennel Club Inc.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.7 GPA since Veterinary Technology program admission.
- One or two semesters of Vet Tech coursework completed.

Widiger Health Careers Endowed Scholarship

Established in 1998 by Al and Jan Widiger to recognize the increasing need for skilled health professionals and make a lasting difference by helping students pursue education in related fields. Recipients receive a minimum of \$250.

Criteria

- Minimum 2.7 GPA with C grades or higher
- At least 15 college credits accumulated.
- Enrolled in any Tri-C health careers program, including nursing, with interest in pursuing an advanced degree.