Respiratory Care Scholarship
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
Respiratory Care Scholarship Program

The Respiratory Care Scholarship Program is made possible by Nationwide Children's Hospital. The goal of this scholarship program is to provide support to Respiratory Therapy (RT) students that have a strong desire to provide care in a pediatric setting.

Criteria for the RT scholarship include academic excellence, service to Nationwide Children's, education and career goals, personal statement, interview, and letters of recommendation. Priority is given to employees of Nationwide Children's, and those actively pursuing a four-year degree in respiratory care. Employees who are considered to be underrepresented minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Recipients may only receive this award once.

The Nationwide Children's Respiratory Care Scholarship has a formal and competitive application process; applications are reviewed by a committee of hospital personnel. Candidates are selected based on the merits of their application, personal statement, academic performance, resume and letters of recommendation.

Recipients of scholarship funds must commit to working at Nationwide Children’s, at the Registered Respiratory Therapy (RRT) level, for one year following graduation and obtaining RRT status. If a scholarship recipient is unable to fulfill this commitment, scholarship funds received must be repaid to Nationwide Children’s.

Application Submission

Applicants must submit all application materials to Keyla Fincher, Human Resources by April 1, 2020. A maximum of three $2,000 scholarships will be awarded. Scholarship awards may be subject to applicable employment taxes.

For additional information or application, please contact:
Keyla Fincher, Human Resources
(614) 355-4146  |  TuitionAssistance@NationwideChildrens.org

Eligible applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

• Acceptance into an Associate or Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care program at a CoARC-accredited college or university.

OR

• Be currently enrolled in a Respiratory Care program and graduating within 12 months
• Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. (Official transcripts required)
• Current Nationwide Children's employee applicants must be in good standing and have a positive reference from his/her current supervisor

All applicants must have at least two positive references from clinical instructors and/or an advisor.
Respiratory Therapy Scholarship Application

Please submit application via email or in person to:
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TuitionAssistance@NationwideChildrens.org

Application deadline is April 1, 2020
Please Print

Full Name_____________________________________ Employee ID (if applicable)_________________________
Address______________________________________________________________________________________
Home/Cell Phone_____________________________ Best Time to Contact________________________________
Hospital Department (if applicable)______________________ Supervisor Name (if applicable)________________
College/University Attending ___________________________________ Major____________________________
Degree/Program you are pursuing___________________________________ Expected Graduation Date __________
Grade Point Average (4.0 scale)_________________________

OPTIONAL: Are you an underrepresented minority in respiratory care? Please check box below.
☐ Black/African American  ☐ Hispanic/Latino/Hispanic Origin  ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
☐ Asian/Pacific Islander  ☐ Multi-racial  ☐ Male

In addition, please submit the following:
1.) A typed (12 font) 500 word essay regarding your personal and professional career/educational goals, and accomplishments. Please include how this scholarship and employment opportunity will help you achieve your goals.
2.) Proof of enrollment in CoARC-accredited college/university, including official transcripts, enrollment verification or acceptance letter.
3.) Resume
4.) Two letters of recommendation from instructors and/or an advisor.
5.) Current employees must submit a reference from his/her current supervisor.
6.) An itemized fee statement for which the scholarship will be used.

Awarded scholarships shall be repaid in the event:
a. A recipient does not complete a full year of employment as a Registered Respiratory Therapist, after finishing the academic program.
b. A recipient fails to successfully complete the academic year.
c. A recipient receives a grade under 2.0 (a grade of C or below).
d. A recipient does not obtain the RRT credential, Ohio RCP licensure, and does not schedule a LAUNCH orientation date within 90 days of graduation.

I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate

Signature______________________________________________ Date______________

Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio  Date:______________