



# 2026 Next Step Scholarships

Did you know these in-demand degrees are essential for the future of health care at Methodist?

## Doctor of Nursing:

- Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

## Master of Science:

- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Executive
- Care Coordinator

Methodist Hospital Foundation is proud to invest in the future of nursing by supporting your *Next Step* in education.

## 13 Scholarships Awarded - ranging from \$5,000 to \$9,000

- Complete one application to be considered for all three scholarships:
  1. Ruth Freed Leadership Scholarship – 1 award of \$9,000 – focusing on nurse leadership
  2. Carolyn Scott Spirit of Excellence Scholarships – 8 awards of \$8,000 – focusing on compassionate care
  3. Foundation Graduate Scholarships – 4 awards of \$5,000 – focusing on compassionate care
- Recipients will be selected and notified in May 2026

## Who is Eligible?

- Methodist Hospital, Methodist Women's Hospital, Methodist Physicians Clinic, Methodist Jennie Edmundson, and Methodist Fremont Health registered nurses seeking a Masters or Doctorate (DNP, PhD or EDD) degree
- Scheduled to work 20 hours per week for the past two years
- Employment status in good standing
- Demonstrates compassionate bedside care, academic excellence, leadership qualities and a role model among nurses
- Current NMC Nursing Academy students are not eligible to apply – you must be a graduate

## Online Application <https://methodisthospitalfoundation.org/scholarship-application>

- Essays describing:
  - Personal story, goals, ambitions and accomplishments
  - Leadership
  - Community service
  - Education plan
  - Compassionate care
- Letters of recommendation from a supervisor, co-worker and former patient
- DEADLINE is Monday, April 27, 2026

## Additional Information

- Scholarship recipients will serve as a mentor to a Scott Scholar – an undergraduate nursing student at Nebraska Methodist College
- Scholarship recipients must show proof of enrollment in a graduate program.
- Funds must be used starting during the 2026-2027 academic year and spent in two years
- Recipients must continue to work at least 20 hours per week while they receive the scholarship

## Questions:

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