

Tonia Cole, RN

Nursing Scholarship

The McLaren Flint Foundation

The following is a brief but very powerful synopsis of Tonia's bio from Tonia directly: I was born in Flint Michigan, and have lived in my hometown of Montrose for most of my life. There I worked for a local Physician for over 17 years as an MA. I always wanted to be an RN, but did not feel that until my children were grown, I could pursue a college degree. I completed my Associates in Nursing from Mott Community College and graduated with Honors at the age of 41. From there, I began my career with McLaren in the ICU. I love critical care nursing and cannot imagine doing anything else. I consider it a privilege and an honor to be able to comfort and care for people at what is probably one of the most frightening times in their lives. I have had the opportunity to mentor many students and new nurses in the ICU. Nursing is always changing and evolving. You must always be willing to learn new things and then pass it on. Nursing is more than a job, I consider it a calling!

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Scholarship awards are merit based, and applicants can be full-time or part-time students who have a cumulative 3.5 grade point.
2. Scholarship awards are based on financial need.
3. Applicants must be enrolled in a clinical, health care administration or other health-related program at the UM-Flint or Mott Community College.
4. Preference given to current employees of McLaren Flint who are pursuing a nursing education.
5. Preference given to single mothers.
6. Scholarship award must be used for tuition, books and/or supplies toward nursing career.
7. The McLaren Flint Foundation will provide yearly reports, which include an accounting detail and biographical information about the scholarship recipient to the donor.

Scholarship Application Requirements:

Please return the completed Scholarship Application, Cover Letter (demonstrating need, desire to achieve and plan for future) and Official Transcripts to the address listed below or you can apply online <https://www.mclaren.org/flint-foundation/foundation-rachor-application-subsite.aspx>

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