

Anita Sparks, RN Nursing Scholarship

**The McLaren Flint Foundation
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Anita Sparks graduated from Fenton High School with the intention of becoming a Physical Therapist. She attended what is now Mott Community College and during her first year of school, quickly realized that she wanted to be a nurse. Anita's sister was a nurse and she felt nursing was a career that she would love and could dedicate herself to. After graduating as an LPN in 1969, Anita chose to begin her nursing career at McLaren Flint where she quickly found that caring for patients on the Med/Surg Unit was her passion. Anita is quoted as saying that "being a nurse demands commitment, pure dedication and most of all a pure heart." Later, Anita continued her education and obtained her RN from Providence Hospital in Southfield. Anita served as the Nurse Manager for the Med/Surg Unit for many years, before retiring from McLaren Flint in 2009, 40 years after she began her nursing career. Anita still supports McLaren Flint and future nurses as she lends her talent and experience as a member of the Rachor Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Scholarship awards are merit based, and applicants can be full-time or part-time students in nursing who have a cumulative 3.0 grade point.
2. Scholarship awards are based on financial need.
3. Applicants must be enrolled in the nursing program at Mott Community College or UM-Flint.
4. Preference given to high school graduates or GED recipients from Genesee, Shiawassee, or Lapeer counties.
5. Preference given to current employees of McLaren Flint who are pursuing a nursing education.
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 Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd. and the honoree or the family of the memorial honoree.

Scholarship Application Requirements:

Please return the completed Scholarship Application, Cover Letter and Official Transcripts to the address listed below or you can apply online at <https://www.mclaren.org/flint-foundation/foundation-rachor-application-subsite.aspx>

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