

# **John Peter Rachor, RNFA Nursing Scholarship**

## **The McLaren Flint Foundation**

John Peter Rachor, RNFA was born in Flint Michigan on May 9, 1951. His father, Charles Erickson Rachor born in 1911, passed away suddenly at age 58 in September 1970.

The following summer, while employed at Interlochen Arts Academy Summer Camp, John gained an appreciation for the value of education and classical music. John married his good friend Jan Speers in 1980. They lived in St. Joseph and Kalamazoo counties and internationally adopted and raised four wonderful Korean children.

While wanting to understand his father's and many peoples untimely deaths, John sought to understand and educated and mentored friends in Lifestyle Medicine (preventive medicine concepts) while working with Country Life Natural Foods and the Health Conditioning Clinic of Kalamazoo Michigan. Formalizing that interest he earned an Associate Degree in Nursing at Kalamazoo Valley Community College in 1982. He continued that pursuit at Robert B Miller College in Battle Creek Michigan in the Bachelor of Nursing program.

Nursing employment occurred at Borgess Medical Center in the Delano Clinic Inpatient Mental Health Unit and the residential alcohol and substance abuse unit at the Midwest Recovery Unit for the first years. Following that, employment was in Surgical Services as a RN and then in an expanded role as a RN First Assistant (RNFA) and achieved certification as a Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR).

The preventive medicine interest continues in the past and present roles of coordinator of Prevention Series Borgess Health and Fitness Center, past coordinator of (Community) Cardiac Health Improvement Coordinator (CHIP), and nurse educator of Lifestyle Improvement for Teens (LIFT). Community involvement continues at the Battle Creek Tabernacle and Kalamazoo Seventh-Day Adventist Church in the roles of group leader of Supper Club Prevention Series and group leader of Homes of Hope Balanced Lifestyle Series.

### **Scholarship Guidelines**

1. Scholarship awards are merit based, and applicants can be full-time or part-time students 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 U of M-Flint or Mott Community College.
4. Preference given to applicants who are single parents and/or had an interruption in education.
5. Preference given to High School Graduates or GED recipients.
6. Preference given to current employees of McLaren Flint who are pursuing a nursing education.
7. Scholarship award must be used for tuition, books and/or supplies toward nursing career.

8. 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 at <https://www.mclaren.org/flint-foundation/foundation-rachor-application-subsite.aspx>

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