

# **Debra Main, RN Nursing Scholarship**

## **The McLaren Flint Foundation**

Debra Main made the decision to become a nurse after her high school counselor sent her to a Medical Careers Day at a local hospital where she observed nurses in multiple clinical settings showing compassion for their patients and work. It was at that time she knew she wanted to become a nurse. That same counselor was instrumental in helping her apply for admission and scholarships at Arizona State University. The scholarships, loans and a work-study program allowed her to complete her goal to become a nurse. It was a proud day as she was the first in her family to graduate from college. After graduation, she worked on a surgical floor in a Phoenix area hospital. The floor was also the designated area for hemodialysis patients who were hospitalized, many of whom were waiting for a kidney transplant. It was there where she learned how to prepare a patient in the middle of the night for surgery when a donor kidney became available. Debra met her husband while he was stationed at an Air Force base in Arizona. She and her husband moved to Flint, Michigan where she began her career in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at McLaren Flint. While working in ICU she worked as a staff nurse, assistant nurse manager and manager. She made a lateral move to expand an 18-bed telemetry unit to a 40-bed telemetry unit. She managed that unit for 16 years, during which time she completed her Master in the Science of Nursing from Saginaw Valley State University in 1993. She achieved her ultimate career goal in 2004 when she became the Director of Critical Care with the responsibility of six nursing units.

### **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 applicants who are single parents and/or had an interruption in education.
5. Preference given to high school graduates or GED recipients from Genesee, Shiawassee, or Lapeer counties.
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 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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