

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital
Nursing Scholarship Committee
May 6, 2025

The scholarship committee met April 11 with six members plus Pauline Clark present. Trish Serratore was unable to attend. Cathy Cordova recorded votes an Excel spreadsheet to assist us as we discussed scholarship applications, selected recipients, and calculated amounts for each recipient.

Forty applicants out of a total of 84 were chosen for scholarship assistance this year. \$170,000 was awarded as follows:

40 @ \$3,700	\$148,000
20 @ \$1,100 (bonus for ILH employees)	<u>22,000</u>
	\$170,000

The \$170,000 is a record amount for The Ladies Board Scholarships. \$140,000 came from The Ladies Board budget and \$19,250 from Lights of Love contributions (another record amount)

We focused on improving contacts with universities and schools, as well as local nursing facilities and urgent care centers. In addition, Renee Brohard made contacts with schools and the right people who helped spread the word among students.

One of the questions in the scholarship application asks how the student learned about our nursing scholarships. As you might imagine, the biggest numbers of responses named Loudoun Hospital. Next were family, friends, and colleagues followed by the nursing schools. Also mentioned were Twice Is Nice, the Riverside Gift Shop, newspaper and online searches.

Two of the recipients are working to become LPNs. One is studying to become an RN, and 26 are earning their BSNs (four-year college degrees). We awarded nursing scholarships to ten MSN (masters) candidates and one who is earning her DNP (doctorate). George Mason University leads the way with the most recipients, eight this year. Shenandoah is second with four nursing students, followed by George Washington University and University of Virginia with three each.

Looking back at our nursing scholarship records from 1960 on, The Ladies Board has given 1,456 scholarships for a total of \$2,504,263. The Loudoun County community recognizes our encouragement and support for nursing education.

Our thanks go to the Lights of Love Committee that accepts donations which fund our nursing scholarships. Thank you also goes to the Public Relations Committee, Stacey Bassett, and Renee Brohard for their valued assistance.

We encourage all of the Ladies Board members to continue promoting our nursing scholarships year round. We look forward to 2026 and another group of scholarship recipients.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Kilborn
Chairman, Nursing Scholarship Committee