

# Ruth Kohlwey Scholarship Fund

## About Ruth:

As a young woman, Ruth Kohlwey desired to pursue a career in nursing, and although she faced adversity from family members who told her she couldn't become a nurse, Ruth prevailed and graduated from the Madison General School of Nursing in 1969. Touted as caring, extremely knowledgeable and encouraging preceptor by her colleagues at Columbus Community Hospital (now Prairie Ridge Health), she was a valued member of the nursing team for 22 years. Both nursing and education were very important to Ruth, as she pursued many continuing education classes in her field. In 1991, Ruth was diagnosed with breast cancer and was treated successfully with chemotherapy. She went into remission and continued to work as a nurse for several years. Unfortunately, the cancer returned and Ruth passed away after her courageous battle at age 55 in 2002.

In Memory of Ruth Kohlwey, and through the generosity of the Kohlwey Family and Prairie Ridge Health, the Foundation is able to offer employees this opportunity for funding additional education in nursing. Through the kindness of the community, friends and family, money has been raised to continue this scholarship in Ruth's honor through local fundraisers and donations.

## Scholarship requirements:

Two scholarships in the amount of \$400 each will be available every calendar year. Applications may be obtained in the PRH Foundation office, on Public under Forms or online at [PrairieRidge.Health/Foundation](http://PrairieRidge.Health/Foundation). The application process is open each year from March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, applications are then reviewed anonymously by the Kohlwey Scholarship Committee and applicants will be notified by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Funds will be awarded in August following submission of fall semester schedule.

The Kohlwey Scholarship is restricted to Prairie Ridge Health team members who are attending nursing school, or extending their nursing degree (i.e. Masters). This scholarship money may be applied to tuition, room, board and/or books.

To be eligible for the Kohlwey Scholarship, employee must be **at least a .5 FTE** team member in good standing and have been employed at PRH for a **minimum of one year**. The team member must be accepted into the nursing program prior to receiving funds.



## Ruth Kohlwey Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current PRH Position \_\_\_\_\_

Nursing School \_\_\_\_\_

Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed applications, no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, to the Foundation Office or email directly to the Executive Director of Foundation, Kristi Line at [kline@PrairieRidge.Health](mailto:kline@PrairieRidge.Health)

Type a **one page** essay (no less than 200 words) indicating why you want to pursue nursing or further your nursing education. Please include the area of study or specialty that is of most interest to you and how and why you decided on that path.

Content, form, sincerity, and depth of thought will be considered.



