

# The Mary Cafolla Wallace Nursing Scholarship Program

## *Second Career Nursing Scholarship Program*

### 2025-26 Scholarship Guidelines

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#### **ABOUT**

The Mary Cafolla Wallace Nursing Scholarship Program is a scholarship that aims to support adult students residing in Massachusetts, who are pursuing a second career in nursing, to obtain their Associate Degree in Nursing or Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Mary Cafolla Wallace was the child of Italian immigrants who persevered to become a registered nurse in 1951. She was a strong patient advocate and believed in the healing powers of a good nurse. She had a long and varied career in nursing, caring for patients from the beginning to the end of life. Her friends, family and former patients described her after her death as a nurse's nurse; smart, professional, collaborative and caring, with a wicked sense of humor. She always believed that people could have a second act; reinvent themselves to better their lives with assistance from others. This scholarship honors her by extending help to adult learners who wish to become a nurse.

The ideal candidate will have some experience in the medical field and strong desire to become a nurse. This scholarship program seeks to identify students, where additional financial support will make a difference in their ability to fulfill their goal of obtaining a degree and becoming a nurse.

The program is funded by the Timothy and Deborah Moore Charitable Foundation and administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI).

#### **THE AWARD**

- Multi-year renewable scholarship to cover tuition, fees, books, supplies and educational expenses at accredited, not-for-profit, nursing schools in New England.
- Scholarship amounts will be determined based on the financial aid award package the student receives from the school they choose to attend and their unmet financial need. Scholarship amounts will be up to \$20,000 per year.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

<b>Residency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current residents of Massachusetts who are eligible to apply for federal financial aid.</li></ul>
<b>Personal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adults ages 24-55.</li><li>• Planning to pursue a second career in nursing and obtain either an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).</li><li>• Applicants must already have an Associate or Bachelor's degree, and now plan to or are currently studying nursing.</li><li>• Applicants can be entering or currently enrolled in nursing school.</li><li>• In order to receive the scholarship, students must attend nursing school full time and have an unmet financial need.</li><li>• Preference will be given to students with experience in a medical setting.</li></ul>
<b>Academic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong academic record in the sciences (GPA of 3.0 or higher in science courses)</li></ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning to attend a not-for-profit, accredited nursing school in one the following states: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, or VT in the fall of 2025.</li><li>• Hybrid programs (with a combination of online and in person classes) are eligible, provided most nursing classes are taken in person.</li></ul> |
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Complete applications are **due Monday, May 5, 2025 by 5pm ET**. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed. Please follow instructions carefully.

#### HOW TO APPLY

1. **Review Eligibility:** Review these guidelines for eligibility requirements.
2. **Review Application:** A PDF of a sample application form is available for download at: <https://tpi.org/scholarships-college-success/>
3. **Recommendation:** The person the applicant selects to write a letter of recommendation must upload a letter to the student's online application. Instructions for the applicant are included in the application.

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following materials are required. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered.

- **Application Submitted Online**
  - **TEAS score (required for applicants who have taken the TEAS test)**
- **Resume**
- **Letter of Recommendation** (from a teacher, work supervisor, community leader, or any other non-family member who knows you well)
- **Short Answer Questions**

Please answer the following questions in paragraph form to help the scholarship review committee get to know you better.

1. What would you like the review committee to know about you, your past experiences, and your current circumstances?
  2. Why do you want to become a nurse?
  3. What has your experience been in and/or with the medical field?
  4. What are the attributes of the nursing program you are planning to attend that makes it your top choice?
- **High School (if relevant for science courses) and College Transcript**
  - **Financial Aid Award letter from the nursing school you plan to attend** (if already in school, upload a copy of last year's financial aid letter)
  - **Student Aid Index (SAI)** Found on the first page of the FAFSA Submission Summary.

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You can access the application here:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=tpischolarship>

Access Code: NURSING25

#### **RENEWAL**

Renewal of the scholarship is contingent upon the student maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent), attending nursing school full-time, and having unmet financial need. Recipients of the scholarship will be required to complete a short renewal application annually to receive the scholarship for the following year.

#### **TIMELINE**

- Application deadline is **Monday, May 5, 2025 by 5pm ET**
- Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions in July.
- Scholarships will be processed in August to the school the student will be attending in the fall.

#### **REVISIONS**

TPI and the Timothy and Deborah Moore Charitable Foundation reserve the right to review the eligibility and terms of this scholarship and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

#### **QUESTIONS**

Please contact [amoceyunas@tpi.org](mailto:amoceyunas@tpi.org) with any questions.