

Scholarship Guidelines (TPHW, Kovalchin, & Weigand)

Tuscora Park Health and Wellness Nursing Scholarships provide nursing scholarships to residents of the historical service area of Barberton Citizen's Hospital, now Summa Barberton, for the purpose of encouraging careers in nursing. The service area encompasses southern Summit and Medina counties, and northern Stark and Wayne counties.

Scholarships are awarded to students who are **currently enrolled in an accredited nursing degree program** leading to LPN or RN certification. Students not formally accepted/enrolled in a nursing program and students working on their graduate degree are not eligible for this scholarship.

- Award amounts are at the discretion of the committee, with a range of \$1,000 to \$7,000.
- Scholarships may be used for tuition, room & board and books.
- Scholarships may be used at any accredited institution, whether for-profit or nonprofit. Awards are made directly to the educational institution.
- Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. Recipients who continue to meet eligibility requirements *may re-apply* in subsequent years. Past selection does not guarantee future awards.

Additional Selection Considerations & Criteria:

- Applicant must be currently enrolled in an accredited nursing degree program leading to LPN or RN certification
- Applicant should demonstrate a desire to practice in the local area after graduation
- Financial need
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ***Those students selected must be available to interview with the committee – date and time to be provided***
- Typed, newly-written, 1000-word essay outlining your short- and long-term career goals

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The Bernadine H. Kovalchin RN Memorial Scholarship provides four \$2,000 scholarships each school year to graduates of Barberton, Copley, Norton, or Wadsworth High School.

Applicant must be enrolled in a qualified school of nursing for a Registered Nurse degree.

- Scholarship may be used for tuition and campus-based room and board
- Scholarship is for one year only and is not renewable

Selection Considerations & Criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduate of Barberton, Copley, Norton or Wadsworth High School
- Applicant must have completed a full year of undergraduate study
- Student must be enrolled in a qualified school of nursing for a Registered Nurse (RN) degree
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Student must be attending school full time
- Typed, newly-written, 1000-word essay outlining your short- and long-term career goals

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The Christine Elaine Weigand RN Memorial Scholarship provides one \$2,000 scholarship each school year to a graduate of Barberton, Copley, Norton, Wadsworth, Rittman, Chippewa, Kenmore-Garfield, Coventry, Manchester, Northwest, or Green High School.

Applicant must be enrolled in a qualified school of nursing for a Registered Nurse degree.

- Scholarship may be used for tuition and campus-based room and board
- Scholarship is for one year only and is not renewable

Selection Considerations & Criteria:

- Applicant must be a graduate of Barberton, Copley, Norton, Wadsworth, Rittman, Chippewa, Kenmore-Garfield, Coventry, Manchester, Northwest, or Green High School
- Applicant must have completed a full year of undergraduate study
- Student must be enrolled in a qualified school of nursing for a Registered Nurse (RN) degree
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Student must be attending school full time
- Typed, newly-written, 1000-word essay outlining your short- and long-term career goals

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Applicant Last Name: _____

D. Essay (Use of AI to write this essay will invalidate the application.) (1000 words.)

First-time applicants: Outline your short- and long-term nursing career goals. To consider: Where do you want to work? Who are your clients? What inspired you go into nursing?

Returning applicants: What has been a meaningful lesson or a class that really stood out to you this year? Has anything you learned changed your plans or goals?

E. Signature: I certify that all statements in this application are true and correct and that I have not used artificial intelligence for any portion of this application or essay.

Print name

Signature

Date

F. Permission for release of information

I, _____, grant permission to the Tuscora Park Health & Wellness Foundation to request information from _____

(name of school)

pertaining to my grade report, transcript or financial aid.

Signature

Date

Application checklist: All documents below must be included with application

Email application to [Carrie Herman](mailto:cherman@barbertoncf.org), at cherman@barbertoncf.org. Please call us at 330-745-5995 with any questions.

Include with application:	Instructions	Check if included
Student Aid Report (SAR)	Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit a 2026/2027 FAFSA Submission Summary that includes your Student Aid Index.	
Official Transcript - must document grades from the Spring 2026 or most recently completed quarter/semester.	For current college students: request from the Registrar or Bursar Office. A copy of your current grade card will not be accepted. For high school students directly entering a nursing program and applying for Tuscora Park Scholarship: request from your high school. A copy of your current grade card will not be accepted.	
1,000-word, typed essay	A newly-written essay outlining your short- and long-term career goals.	
Copy of this page	Signatures and permission for release of information.	

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Email or mail the completed application to: Tuscora Park Health and Wellness Foundation, Nursing Scholarship Program 460 West Paige Ave. Barberton, Ohio 44203
Attn: Carrie Herman cherman@barbertoncf.org