THE RIZZO NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Rizzo Nursing Scholarship Fund was established by the children of Joan N. Rizzo in memory of their mother, who was a patient at NWH. Both she and her family appreciated the high quality of nursing care she received and established the Fund as a way to support the professional development of registered nurses at NWH by providing the means to advance their nursing education. Through a competitive application process, the Fund provides scholarships to registered nurses who wish to pursue advanced degrees in Nursing. Applicants must be enrolled in an academic program that will lead to a Baccalaureate or Master’s Degree in Nursing.

Two scholarships are awarded annually, one to an applicant pursuing a Baccalaureate degree and one to an applicant pursuing a Master’s Degree.

The monetary amount of each award will be determined annually based on the amount of interest earned by the Fund in the previous fiscal year. Successful applications may reapply with each funding period.

Application Timeline for 2016 Academic Year:

- Scholarship availability announced **January 2016**
- Application Deadline **April 11, 2016**
- Applications reviewed by NCC **April 2016**
- Scholarships awarded **May 2016** for **Fall 2016** Academic year

Eligibility:

- Current employment at NWH for a minimum of 37.5 biweekly hours (part-time) for at least 1 year prior to application and during the funding period.
- Performance appraisal that demonstrates professional practice at or above a Level III as defined by the Clinical Ladder
- Currently enrolled in an accredited college or university that provides a program of education in professional nursing or related subjects leading to a Baccalaureate or Master’s Degree in Nursing.
- On completion of the academic program, a commitment of two years of employment at NWH, for a minimum of 37.5 biweekly hours (part-time).
Application Process:

- Applicants must submit a completed scholarship application form. All sections must be complete; incomplete applications will not be processed.
- Applicants should be very specific when describing how their professional goals will be met by the academic program for which the funds are requested.
- Applicants must present an expense budget for the proposed program, including other financial support being received, like loans, grants, etc.

Evaluation and Awarding of Funds:

Applications will be evaluated by the NCC and scholarships will be awarded based on the following:

- Ability of the applicant to articulate professional learning needs and the ability to set goals based on these identified needs.
- Ability to identify and evaluate learning opportunities that will advance the applicant toward achieving those goals.
- Ability to identify how earning this degree will benefit NWH and the delivery of excellent, professional nursing care.