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MeritCare Foundation's Marsha Johnston Scholarship Fund Application Form

The MeritCare Foundation's Marsha Johnston Scholarship was established by her sister Roann Masterson.

Marsha Mary Masterson was born May 20th, 1955 in Fargo, North Dakota. She was raised in Buffalo, North Dakota and graduated from high school there. She graduated from Jamestown, North Dakota College in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in social work and worked at High Acres Manor in Jamestown. She graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing; Fargo in 1983 and she began working as a Registered Nurse at MeritCare Hospital. She earned a BSN from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, and then began working as Hospital House Administrator with MeritCare Hospital in 1993. In 1993, she received the District IV Nurse of the Year Award.

Marsha was a volunteer in the Fargo Community for many years. She was also very active in the North Dakota Nurses Association.

Marsha was known for her wit, humor and poetry, talents she inherited from her mother and father. She lived life to the fullest. She followed in her mother's footsteps, exhibiting a passion for people and the profession of nursing. Marsha truly loved nursing and the diversity it offered. Those were shining moments she felt very strongly about, being an advocate for those who came under her care and their families. The following poem exemplifies her thoughts on the qualities needed to be an outstanding nurse.

***If you can bring a special understanding
To all of those entrusted to your care;
And meet their needs no matter how demanding,
with patience and with energy to spare;
If you can lend each task your full devotion
and always try to listen and to cheer,
If you can learn to understand emotion
and comfort others just by being near;
If you look forward with anticipation
to meeting special challenges each day;
If you can keep your faith and dedication
whenever disappointment comes your way;
If you can take pride in giving your profession
the finest skills and talents you possess;
Then all your demands and goals will find expression,
and as a nurse, you'll be a great success.***

Author Unkonwn

Marsha left us with the legacy that stresses the value of the family, both natural family and the MeritCare Family.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for a currently employed MeritCare Nurse Assistant wishing to continue his/her education to obtain a degree as an LPN or RN.

ELIGIBILITY: A current MeritCare employee with a minimum of 6 months of employment at MeritCare. The recipient needs to attend an accredited school and provide documentation of acceptance.

AWARD: The recipient will receive \$500 for the fall semester. They will receive an additional \$500 for the spring semester if the following criteria is met:

- **3.0 GPA**
- **Stilled employed at MeritCare**

The scholarship will be made to the appropriate financial aid office fall semester and spring semester.

APPLICATION

DEADLINE: The application deadline is **May 15th**.

PART I

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant, please type the following information. Upon completion, return this form to MeritCare Foundation, PO Box MC, Fargo, ND 58122-0302

Name

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code

Phone

PART II

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicant, please type the following information. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Please include:

- a personal letter concerning your career objectives,
- your financial information forms
- your College transcript and confirmation of participation in the program
- Two letters of reference – one from manager and one from a co-worker

**PART III
FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION:**

Please answer the following questions based on your income
FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION:

Gross annual income per year, i.e. salary/wages \$ _____
Other income not included above: \$ _____
Child Support: \$ _____
Non-taxable income/benefits: \$ _____
Total income: \$ _____

List all dependents:

Age	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Itemize debts and monthly expenses

Mortgage/rent:	\$ _____	
Food:	\$ _____	
Utilities	\$ _____	
Child Care	\$ _____	
Insurance	\$ _____	
Credit Cards	\$ _____	
Loans	\$ _____	
Other (specify)	\$ _____	_____
	\$ _____	_____
	\$ _____	_____
	\$ _____	_____

Itemize assets and value

Home	\$ _____
Car	\$ _____
Investments	\$ _____
Cash/checking	\$ _____
Savings Account	\$ _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____