

The following are the rules developed to determine the application procedure, award amounts and selection criteria for scholarship(s) to be awarded for the Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship to selected individuals. These rules are guidelines only and can be varied by the scholarship committee at their discretion. The scholarship applications will be available through the Fort Madison Community Hospital Foundation.

### **Scholarship Criteria**

1. Scholarships shall be financial aid in providing a medical education. Medical education shall be defined as studying for a medical related career, except for Physicians. Also included will be continuing education for qualified individuals.
2. Yearly income of the scholarship fund will be used to fund the scholarship on an annual basis.
3. In determining the individual(s) to be awarded scholarship(s), consideration shall be given to grades, leadership, character, community activity and financial need. If all criteria are equal among candidates, financial need shall be the governing criteria.
4. Scholarships will be awarded to students graduating from any area high school within the FMCH market area. Non-traditional students will also be considered. Number and value of scholarships to be determined by the Scholarship Committee on an annual basis. The Scholarship Committee is to consist of the Executive Director of the Fort Madison Community Hospital Foundation, Trust Officer of Connection Bank, and Cathy Packard, R.N.

### **Application Process**

1. Complete the scholarship application form and submit to the Executive Director of the Fort Madison Community Hospital Foundation by April 1, 2021.
2. Attach a copy of your current high school transcript for the past 7 semesters. (If applicable.)
3. Submit a letter stating why you believe you should be the recipient of this scholarship; include how you meet the criteria, your career objectives and how you hope to obtain them.
4. Submit a letter of support from one professional and one personal reference. (not related to you)
5. Complete and provide a copy of your financial aid form or the last three years of your federal income tax forms if you are a non-traditional student. (FAFSA or financial aid form available at High School Counselors office.)

The recipient(s) of the Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship will be announced at the school awards ceremony in April. The scholarship recipient will receive a check made out to the educational institution of their choice to be used for their educational expenses.