



DEADLINE TO APPLY IS APRIL 1

2025 Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship Application

The Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship is for students who are pursuing health care education. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by a committee.

Eligibility: You must study for a health care career at an accredited community college, technical institute or four-year college or university. Students pursuing medical school are not eligible. This scholarship is open to seniors or recent graduates from Fort Madison High School, Central Lee High School, Holy Trinity High School or Keokuk High School. Nontraditional students also will be considered.

Applicant name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

High school and graduation year _____

Academic institution you plan to attend _____

Year and term you plan to attend _____

Area of study _____

I have attached these documents to my application:

- Copy of my high school transcript (if applicable)
- Essay stating why I should receive this scholarship
- Two letters of support – one personal and one professional (neither may be a relative)
- Copy of the estimated family contribution (EFC) from my FAFSA (and estimate is fine if FAFSA has not yet processed) or the last three years of my federal income tax return

Submit everything to Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship, Great River Health Foundation, 5445 Avenue O, PO Box 174, Fort Madison, IA 52627.

By signing this application, I hereby apply for a Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship. If I am awarded a scholarship, I authorize the Great River Health Foundation to use my name in any news release or publication related to the Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please read the scholarship details sheet carefully.



Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship Details

Kathleen Canella was a long-time volunteer and auxiliary member at Fort Madison Community Hospital. In 2001, her family established a scholarship fund in her honor. Income from the investment is used to award one or more scholarships each year.

The details below were developed to determine the application procedure and selection criteria for scholarships. The number and value of scholarships is determined annually by the scholarship committee. These guidelines may change at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The scholarship committee consists of the director of the Great River Health Foundation, trust officer at Fort Madison Bank & Trust and Cathy Packard, RN.

Scholarship criteria

- Scholarships are financial aid for providing education for a health career, excluding medical school. Students must attend an accredited community college, technical institute or four-year college or university.
- This scholarship is for seniors or recent graduates from Fort Madison High School, Central Lee High School, Holy Trinity High School or Keokuk High School. Nontraditional students also will be considered.
- Awards are based on grades, leadership, character, community activities and financial need. If all criteria are equal among candidates, financial need shall be the governing criterion.

Application process

- Complete the scholarship application.
- Get a copy of your high school transcript for the past seven semesters (if applicable).
- Write an essay stating why you should receive the Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship. Include how you meet the criteria, your career objectives and how you plan to meet them.
- Obtain letters of support from one professional and one personal reference who are not related to you.
- Make a copy of your estimated family contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA (estimate is fine if FAFSA has not yet processed) or copies of your last three federal income tax forms.
- Submit everything to Kathleen Canella Family Scholarship, Great River Health Foundation, 5445 Avenue O, PO Box 174, Fort Madison, IA 52627.
- The deadline for all materials has been extended until May 1.

Award process

Scholarships will be announced at school award ceremonies in May or by email or telephone. Recipients will receive a check payable to the educational institution of their choice to be used for educational expenses.