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From: Dr. Catherine M. Griswold, Ed.D, MSN, RN, CNL, CNE
       Dean of the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing

As you may already be aware, Trocaire’s Vision is to ensure students are graduates of choice, in career oriented professions. It is also our goal to produce a diverse range of professionals in an effort to close the gap of disparity between patient and professional demographics within health care related fields.

Recently Trocaire College has become the proud recipient of the Nursing Workforce Diversity grant from HRSA (The Health Resources and Services Administration). The mission of HRSA is to utilize Federal Grant funds to improve health care for people who are geographically isolated, and/or economically or medically vulnerable.

At Trocaire we used these funds to launch the Pathways to Nursing Success Program. The Trocaire College Pathways to Nursing Success Program runs from 2017-2021. Its goal is to recruit, enroll, retain, and graduate 25 Minority Trocaire Nursing Scholars. Additionally, this program aims to provide these students with wrap around support from admission to completion of both the Associated Degree in Nursing and the Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing Degree.

In its first year at Trocaire, the Pathways Program has seen great success! The 25 nursing students currently enrolled in Pathways have seen an increase in academic support, social/emotional support, and financial supports with regard to education and life beyond school. We never imagined how many more students were in need of these same supports! As this program is still new and ever evolving, we have decided to offer scholarship support to other minority nursing students in need who could not officially be accepted into Pathways at this current time.

At Trocaire We recognize the world is ever changing and we would like to be on the forefront of producing highly qualified and compassionate nursing professionals that meet these needs. This is an exciting and unique opportunity and we encourage you to apply for our scholarship! Completed applications should be emailed to Shawnte Wilson at wilsons@trocaire.edu or a complete application can be dropped off to Room 230. Scholarship applications will be accepted until 9/17/18. Financial supports will go toward tuition in the 2018-2019 academic year.
The Pathways to Nursing Success Program will provide scholarship winners with:

- Choice of a professional or peer/mentor
- Enhanced Tutoring Services with either Professional/Peer Tutors/Supplemental Instruction
- Drop in Case Management Services
- Invitations to Nursing Immersion Events to help prepare you for the RN field and the school/work/life balance needed to get through the program
- A community of cohorts
- $1000 of Financial support to be directly applied to tuition or bookstore credit (or a combination of both based on need)

Eligible Students at Trocaire Must:

- Be an actively enrolled FT/PT AAS or BS Nursing student
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident alien.
- Identify as a member of an underrepresented minority population (Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiians or other ethnicity identified as URM)
- Demonstrate Economic Hardship (low or no EFC, fall within federal poverty guidelines, a current tuition balance over $900 impeding continued registration, or a personal statement outlining substantial financial need) AND/OR Demonstrate Educational Hardship (graduate of a Buffalo Public School (except City Honors), 1st generation college student, ESL/Refugee, recipient of SNAP/TANF, Medicaid, Section 8 benefits)
- Be available for a phone interview

Students Awarded the scholarship will be required to:

- Attend at least 1 Case Management Meeting/Goal Planning Session in the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
- Meet with their matched mentor 1x/month (if the student chooses to enroll in mentorship)

If you are interested in applying for this new and exciting academic scholarship, please fill out the enclosed application and return it via email to Shawnte Wilson at wilsons@trocaire.edu or a complete application can be dropped off to Room 230. Applications are due by 9/17/18. Winners to be announced by 9/30/18. If you have any additional questions regarding the scholarship or the pathways program and its expectations please contact Shawnte Wilson, Pathways to Nursing Success Program Coordinator via email at wilsons@trocaire.edu or via phone at (716) 827-2440

I hope you will consider this amazing opportunity.

Warm regards,

Dr. Catherine M. Griswold, Ed.D, MSN, RN, CLNC, CNE
Dean of the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing
Trocaire College Pathways to Nursing Success
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2018- 2019
due 9/17/18

**Please note signing below is your formal agreement to participate in all Pathways to Nursing Success Academic Scholarship programming, as listed on page 2.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: ___________________________________________________

Permanent Address: _________________________________________

Home Telephone/
Cell Phone: _______________________________________________

E-mail Address: ____________________________________________

Gender (optional)
___Male ___Female

Date of Birth: ______________________________________________

Place of Birth: _____________________________________________

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Do you identify as a person of Hispanic/Latino or Spanish Origin?
___Yes ___No

How are you most comfortable describing yourself? (Select one or more)
___ American Indian or Alaska Native
___ Black or African American
___ Asian
___ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
___ Other ___________________________

Citizenship Status: ___U.S. Citizen ___Permanent U.S. Resident ___Other (specify) __________

Parent/s Highest Level of Education (I.E. High School, Some College, Associate’s, Bachelor’s, etc.)

Mother __________________________ Father _______________________________

Did you attend a Buffalo Public School?: ___Yes (if so which one)___________________ ___No___
Is English your first language? ___Yes ___No, If not, what is your first language? ___________

Are you a FT student in the Trocaire RN program? ___Yes ___No

What Semester will you be going into? ___1st ___2nd ___3rd ___4th ___ BS Program

Would you consider yourself economically disadvantaged based on one or more of the below:

- An EFC (expected family contribution) of $0-$1,000 ___Yes ___No
- A current tuition balance over $900 at Trocaire ___Yes ___No
- Meets federal poverty guidelines for economically disadvantaged based on income and household size (listed below) ___Yes ___No

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If you do not meet 1 or more of the above listed financial criteria, please write a short statement indicating why you feel you have financial hardship. (Please be sure to indicate: if you have children attending college, if you were recently laid off or terminated, if you are caring for a loved one or family member who is elderly or a child, if you spend 40% or more of your monthly income on transportation costs to get to school, if you recently suffered immense financial loss and why, or if 30% or more of your monthly income is allocated towards tuition)

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Please identify how you wish to receive your award if chosen (select one):
- $1,000 check directly applied to your tuition account
- $500 book voucher/$500 applied directly to tuition
Waitlist Requests:

Would you like to be considered for our mentorship program as a Non-Pathways student? ___Yes ___No

Would you like an update about open group study sessions or other academic supports through the Pathways program focused on specific Nursing classes? ___Yes ___No

Would you like an update about professional and networking events occurring throughout the year? ___Yes ___No

Would you like to be considered for the Pathways to Nursing Success Program if a slot opens up? ____Yes ____No (if you select yes a waitlist application will be emailed to you unless you previously have filled out one. If a spot opens, priority is given to students who have completed a waitlist application.)

Essay (Required) (please attach):

In approximately 250-300 words (typed, times new roman 12pt), please answer the following questions.
1) What Academic/personal struggles have you encountered in school thus far?
2) What Academic/ Personal success have you had in the last year?
3) What do you believe is the most important tool to have in order to be academically successful?
4) What do you believe is the most important tool to have in order to be professionally successful?
5) With regard to your education, where is your greatest need for financial support (tuition, books, etc)?
6) What are your long term plans to resolve any financial hardship regarding tuition/ school costs in order to successfully complete your nursing education at Trocaire.
7) If awarded this scholarship, how do you plan on using the funding?

- What day(s), time(s) would you be avail for a phone interview (approx. 1 hour)
  Monday___   Tuesday___   Wednesday___   Thursday___   Friday___
  10am___   11am___   12pm___   1pm___   2pm___   3pm___

Applicant Signature:_________________________ Date: __________________________

WAITLIST APPLICANTS WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AND AS SPOTS OPEN UP.