



Pathways to Nursing Success Social Determinant EMERGENCY FUND

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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. As a future nursing professional, it is our hope that you will use your education to help those in need.

The establishment of the Pathways to Nursing Success Social Determinant Emergency fund is meant to further the mission of HRSA's NWD Grant. At Trocaire we recognize that sometimes life happens. Therefore, as a Catholic Institution founded on the principles of Mercy we want to ensure students know we are here for them, even in their most disparaging hour.

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 emergency support to minority nursing students in need who may or may not officially be accepted into Pathways at this current time. We recognize that the effect of compounding social determinants on your educational pursuits and want to encourage you to keep going!

Completed applications should be emailed to Shawnte Wilson at wilsons@trocaire.edu or a complete application can be dropped off to Room 230. Emergency fund applications will be accepted regularly during the course of a semester. Students receiving emergency support must comply with all additional resource requirements and are limited to 1 award per academic semester for non Pathways students (no more than 2 awards per academic year) and 1 award per academic year to all current Pathways students. Students must fill out a w-9 form if granted emergency fund support.

The Pathways to Nursing Success Program Social Determinant Emergency fund will provide recipients with:

- 1 goal planning/case management session and resource referral if applicable
- A onetime emergency support payment based on the student's identified 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)

Students Awarded emergency support will be required to:

- Be available for a phone or in person review of your application
- Attend at least 1 Case Management Meeting/Goal Planning Session prior to receiving funding

If you are truly in need or know someone in need please apply or refer someone. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis during the academic year, or until funding runs out. Please note that filling out an application does not guarantee award. If you have any additional questions regarding the emergency fund, scholarship program 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

Warm regards,

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Trocaire College Pathways to Nursing Success Social Determinant Emergency Fund Application

****Please note signing below is your formal agreement to participate in all Pathways to Nursing Success emergency fund support requirements, 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 Nursing Semester are you currently enrolled in? ___ 1st ___ 2nd ___ 3rd ___ 4th
___ BS nursing student

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

FAMILY SIZE (# in household)

2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines			
Persons in Family /Household	Poverty Guideline		
	48 States	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$12,140	\$15,180	\$13,960
2	\$16,460	\$20,580	\$18,930
3	\$20,780	\$25,980	\$23,900
4	\$25,100	\$31,380	\$28,870
5	\$29,420	\$36,780	\$33,840
6	\$33,740	\$42,180	\$38,810
7	\$38,060	\$47,580	\$43,780
8	\$42,380	\$52,980	\$48,750

**For each additional person, add
\$8,320 (if residing in 48 states) \$10,400 (if residing in Alaska) \$9,560 (if residing in Hawaii)

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 50% or more of your monthly income is allocated towards tuition)

Emergency Fund Requests:

- Would you like to be considered for our mentorship program as a Non-Pathways student? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Already a Pathways student
- 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 formally added to the Pathways to Nursing Success Waitlist? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Already on the waitlist ___ Already a Pathways student

Statement of Need:

Please answer the following questions.

1) Who referred you to the Pathways Social Determinant Emergency Fund?

- Wellness Center Academic Advising Financial Aid Palisano Learning Center
- Admissions A student: _____ Pathways Coordinator Self Referral
- A teacher: _____ other

2) What Academic/personal struggles have you encountered recently that requires emergency support? How does this impact your ability to continue your education?

3) Please choose one option from the list below indicating the type of support you are requesting. (Please attach proof of any outstanding bill, or lease agreement if app)

- Housing Costs (rent, mortgage needs) in the amount of \$ _____
- Unsafe Housing (no heat, electricity), past due electric or heating bills total \$ _____
- Food
- Transportation needs that impact clinical/school attendance (no car, no car insurance, broken car), \$ _____
- School Supplies (books, uniforms, internet bills, medical equipment for school, etc)
- Other: please specify _____

4) What are your long term plans to resolve the above emergent situation in order to successfully complete your nursing education at Trocaire?

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- What day(s), time(s) would you be available for a case management/ goal planning session?

(approx. 1 hour)

Monday__ Tuesday__ Wednesday__ Thursday__ Friday__

10am__ 11am__ 12pm__ 1pm__ 2pm__ 3pm__ 4pm__

Applicant Signature:_____ Date: _____

EMERGENCY FUND APPLICANTS WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AND AWARDED BASED ON AVAILABLE FUNDING.