

## IHERF Scholarship Recipients Say

# *Thank You . . .*

I am a recent recipient of the IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship. I would like to thank you for this generous award. I am very grateful for your generosity as I begin the nurse practitioner program at Allen College. It is my aspiration to serve members of my community by providing caring and compassionate health care to them. I am very excited about this wonderful career opportunity. This scholarship will contribute to my success as a family nurse practitioner.

Lindy Tommasin

Thank you all for considering and granting me the \$3,000 IHERF scholarship this year. As a full-time mother, employee and student, the money is greatly appreciated and will be put to great use for my nurse practitioner education at Clarkson College. The scholarship will definitely ease the burden of the expenses needed to continue my education.

Emily Turner

I appreciate the chance to thank the IHERF scholarship committee, and all those who made this scholarship possible. The fact this scholarship exists is a testament to the dedication to health care workers all over our state and the importance placed on achieving a higher level of education in the rural workforce. Recruiting health care workers to small communities is a difficult task; your committee has the ideal solution to this challenge – reaching out to individuals like me who already serve rural areas, love where we live and don't want to leave. Advancing our education gives us the opportunity to promote better health care outcomes right where we live.

Vicki Pavlovec

I would like to express my gratitude to all who made this scholarship possible for me. As a working adult learner every bit of financial support is appreciated. My son and I are both attending college so there is definitely a limited amount of money to go around. Receiving this scholarship has really helped me in paying for my schooling. I am getting very excited to take my new knowledge and put it to work serving the community.

Joyce Mischel



Emily Turner receives her IHERF scholarship check from Monte Neitzel, CEO of Greater Regional Medical Center in Creston.

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I would like to personally thank you for supporting the IHERF Health Care Career Scholarship. I am honored to receive this award and excited to continue my career in an Iowa Hospital. I have been continually encouraged and supported by St. Anthony Regional Hospital to grow professionally. I am attending Briar Cliff University, working toward my master's of science in nursing with a declared family nurse practitioner (FNP) specialty. I have completed my first year of this three year program, and anticipate graduating in the spring of 2011. After graduation I look forward to practicing as an FNP with a focus in geriatrics and also continue to do teaching through simulation for practicing nurses.



Sara Fleecs receives her IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship check from Gary Riedmann, CEO of St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

This scholarship greatly lessens the financial burden that comes with continued education. I consider it a blessing to be able to concentrate on my course of study and not the financial details. Again, thank you for supporting the IHERF scholarship.

Sara Fleecs

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application and awarding me an IHERF scholarship. It is greatly appreciated. I have made the choice to become an RN but at times I have wondered how I will be able to support my daughter and pay for school. This scholarship will help me to reach my goals. I look forward to working in a hospital in southern Iowa.

Tammy Jones

I would like to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the IHERF Scholarship for 2009! I was so very surprised and elated when I received the call! This award will help me continue my education in the nursing program at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon. I am a non-traditional college student, raising a family and devoting a great deal of time to my school work, so this will help me immensely. I am so excited to work in health care and this scholarship helps make it all possible!

Anita Schneider

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I would like to thank everyone who had a part in contributing to the health careers scholarship. I am currently taking classes to finish my BSN. This has always been a life-long dream of mine and I am very excited to finish my degree. Once I am finished with my BSN, I am going to continue on and work toward a dual master's degree in nursing and health care administration. I have always felt that education can never hurt you and will only help you in the future. This scholarship will help me to continue my classes and not have to take a break. I have one daughter who just graduated from college and is planning on going to grad school or law school and my other daughter just graduated from high school and is going to college in nursing, so any amount of assistance in pursuing my college dreams is much appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your contribution to this scholarship fund.

Deanna Robey

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for being selected as one of the IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship recipients. Nursing is a second career for me as my professional journey started in marketing at Iowa Power and Light. I am now pursuing a master's degree in nursing with a leadership emphasis from Allen College in Waterloo. Furthering one's education in these tough economic times is a real challenge. As a recipient of this generous gift, I will continue my studies toward the master's degree with greater financial ease.

Again I thank each of you for your time, your investments and your interest in helping people such as myself pursue their educational dreams in health care!

Peggy Black



IHERF Scholarship recipients Deanna Robey and Peggy Black (center, left to right) receive their checks from (left to right) Eric Lothe, administrator at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines; Steve Stephenson, M.D., COO for Iowa Health-Des Moines; and Eric Crowell, CEO of Iowa Health-Des Moines.

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I wanted to send a note of thanks for the IHERF scholarship I received, and that you made possible through your donations. It will help me to complete my schooling to become an RN. I am currently an LPN working at the Pella Regional Health Center. After graduating from Indian Hills Community College with my RN degree, I plan to continue serving the patients of Pella and surrounding communities at Pella Regional Health Center. Your gift is truly a blessing.

Beth Van Maanen



Beth Van Maanen is joined by Dr. Richard Posthuma as she receives her IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship check from Bob Kroese, CEO at Pella Regional Health Center.

I would like to thank you for your generous gift that makes this scholarship available to many students in Iowa. Your donations have allowed and will continue to allow me the opportunity to move forward in my nursing education. The people of Iowa have granted and provided me with the recourses and opportunity to pursue this rewarding and fulfilling career. Thus, after my education is complete, I feel that it will be my honor and duty to use what I have been given to serve them. Thank you once again!

Tiffany Schuller

I would like to thank IHERF for the scholarship the Association gave me. This scholarship gives me the opportunity to pursue my dream of higher education in order to better serve my society. In the letter sent to me, the Association gives me further opportunity to choose among hospitals of the IHERF, and since the University of Iowa hospital is among those, I am very excited to go for studies in such a learning environment. Once again, all of my gratitude to all the people who put their effort in helping our society through help to students.

Akondo Kpandja

I plan to use the scholarship to complete my final year of my BSN at St. Ambrose University. I hope to work in emergency/trauma nursing and eventually pursue a graduate degree. Thank you so much for the financial support in completing my BSN!

Alyssa Boswell

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was able to donate and make this year's scholarships possible. I am very grateful for the scholarship that I have received the past two years, which has helped reduce my student loans. Furthermore, this scholarship is also helping me fulfill my career goals, as I have always planned on living and working in Iowa following graduation. I hope to eventually practice orthopedic rehabilitation with specialties in manual therapy and sports medicine. Thanks again for your support!

Julia Veltri

I would like to thank you for the IHA Scholarship that has been awarded to me. It is greatly appreciated and it will enable me to complete by BSN. I am proud to be a nurse in Iowa.

Cindy Frank

Thank you for selecting me for the IHERF scholarship. This award will help considerably as I continue my education and strive toward my nursing goals.

Continuing my education is of utmost importance to me and my nursing career.

Thank you for supporting my educational

goals and giving me the opportunity to continue with my education. I feel honored to have been selected for this prestigious award and I am very thankful for your contributions to the nursing profession. Thank you again for your support in my pursuit of my studies in the nursing career.

Joann Boyer

Words can't even explain my appreciation for this scholarship. I remember receiving a phone call last year while I was studying for finals and it made my day. Receiving a phone call again this year while studying for finals was even better. This scholarship is excellent for students wanting to pursue further educations to enhance their knowledge and grow in the health career. This scholarship has helped with college tuition in the past two years and I am so happy I applied for this scholarship.

Kaytee Kleinmeyer



Marcia Harris (left), CEO of Madison County Healthcare System in Winterset, presents Cindy Frank with her IHERF scholarship check.

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I would like to cordially thank you for awarding me the IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship. I am deeply honored and truly touched to be a recipient of this prestigious award. I am wholeheartedly excited about graduating with my bachelor's of science in nursing in the near future. I have a deep passion for the field of nursing and am excited about what my future holds for me. The scholarship money that I was awarded will be very helpful to help cover tuition and living expenses. My future goals include graduating from Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant with my BSN and then going on to achieve my CRNA degree. I love surgical medicine and believe that it will be my field of choice for the future.

Thank you once again for choosing me as a recipient of the IHERF scholarship. I will do my best to live up to the high standards that this scholarship holds. I am truly blessed to have a wonderful "home-state" organization to support my career efforts. Thank you again and God bless.

Katie Fisher

Thank you for providing me with an IHERF Scholarship for the 2009-2010 school year. I graduated from Coe College and I will be studying in the Clinical Lab Science (CLS) Program at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. I plan to work and gain experience as a laboratory scientist while pursuing graduate school for health care following CLS program completion. The opportunities I will gain from the CLS Program will allow me to support myself as I accomplish my future career goals as an Iowa hospital employee. The scholarship will assist me in reaching these goals without concern for the tuition costs. Thank you again.

Danielle Leavens

I want to offer my sincere thanks for providing me with this scholarship that will allow me to finish my education and become a Registered Nurse. My goal is to eventually become either a nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife. As an older student, I have considerably fewer years to recoup my educational costs. For this reason, I am hoping to avoid taking out any more student loans. Since I expect to continue my education by pursuing a BSN after earning my ADN, this is a real issue for me. If I can avoid accumulating a large debt, my educational goals become feasible.

My household is a family of four on a single income. I feel that I am a better student and a better mother since I have chosen not to work during my time as a full-time student. I am grateful for this scholarship because it will help make it possible for me to finish the nursing program at Iowa Western, which will enable me to contribute to my family financially for the remainder of my working years.

Karen Welch