

Waupaca Area Community Foundation Isabelle Rowe Nursing Scholarship

Background:

After more than sixty years of married life together, Julian did everything he could to care for his wife, Isabelle, at home when she was stricken with Alzheimer's disease. Although he had his own health challenges and it was a struggle, even with the help of family and neighbors, he was certain that no one could care for her as lovingly and conscientiously as he could. Finally, he couldn't anymore.

Julian was heartbroken when Isabelle needed to go into a care facility in 2005. He rarely missed a day of sitting by her side in the cheerful room, furnished with two of their favorite chairs from home. Like a friendly and loyal watchdog, he was attentive to how she and the other residents were treated by the staff, and he was relieved to see the kindness and respect she was given by all. He was especially impressed by the gentle, patient care given by the certified nursing assistants, who have the most contact with these vulnerable but often difficult patients. As he got to know the staff at the care facility, his admiration for the nursing assistants grew. He learned that some of them were in school studying to advance their credentials toward a nursing degree. He also learned that some of them were single mothers, struggling to make ends meet on a CNA's salary, and he decided to do something that could help. In 2007, Julian collaborated with Waupaca Area Community Foundation to establish the Isabelle Rowe Nursing Scholarship Fund.



The scholarship has continued to grow beyond the initial gift with sound investment and contributions from family and friends. Since the scholarship was established, both Julian and Isabelle have passed, but their legacy continues as the Rowe family honors their memory through this scholarship.

Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Non-traditional students, age 21 or older, from the Fox Valley and Waupaca areas
- Planning to attend or is attending an accredited college, university, or technical school to pursue a degree in nursing as a part-time student (minimum 6 credits) or full-time student (minimum of 12 credits)
- Academic achievement, minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Work experience in a healthcare-related field
- Financial need will be considered
- **Students may re-apply each year they are eligible**

Award Amount:

Number of awards may vary, for tuition and books, payable for the fall semester of college:

- \$2,000 non-renewable scholarship award(s) for students planning to attend a 4-year college/university, or
- \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship award(s) for students planning to attend a 2-year college or technical school.

Selection:

Recipients will be recommended each spring by the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee along with the donor's family member(s).

Collecting the Award & Payment Procedure:

Recipients must fill out and submit Scholarship Acceptance Form and Scholarship Verification Form through the [Scholarship Portal](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cffvrscholar>). Recipients are required to provide supporting documents *as instructed* in the Scholarship Verification Form, such as class registration/list **with** credits listed, proof of major, grade transcript, etc.

After approval of online Scholarship Verification Form, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending. The **Community Foundation communicates with students via email**; it is the student's responsibility to keep their Scholarship Portal account updated with their current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to maintain good academic standing at an accredited college, university, or technical college.

Further Information:

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