

Isabelle Rowe Nursing Scholarship



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:

Non-traditional students, age 21 or older, from the Fox Valley and Waupaca areas who will be 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). The following will be taken into consideration to determine the recipient:

- Academic achievement, minimum 2.5 GPA
- Financial need
- Work experience in a healthcare-related field

Students may reapply each year they are eligible.

Award Amount:

Number and amount of awards will vary.

Selection:

Recipients will be selected each spring by the Community Foundation Scholarship Committee along with a family member.

Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payment will be released after submission of the following to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region: Completed scholarship verification form (located on our website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships), verification of part- or full-time student status (class schedule with credits listed), and proof of major. In some cases, a tuition invoice may be required. After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending during the semester subsequent to awarding the scholarship. Most communications between the Community Foundation and the student will be via email; *please keep us advised of your current email address.*

Loss of Eligibility:

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

Further Information:

For more information regarding application and payment process or to obtain scholarship forms please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships or contact us at scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-830-1290.