

## Herrick Drake Scholarship Fund

### History:

The Herrick Drake Scholarship Fund was established in 1984 from donations in memory of Herrick Drake, who experienced an unexpected cardiac arrest. Mr. Drake's wife, Judith, and other family members wished to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of nurses in the care of patients with cardiac disease. The Fund has now matured and is ready to be utilized for scholarship awards.

### Purpose:

The Herrick Drake Fund Scholarship will be used to support individual nurses' continuing education activities, with preference given to nurses studying cardiac-related topics. Attendance at Regional/National Conferences will be encouraged.

### Eligibility:

1. Clinical Nurse II, III or IV in Department of Nursing.
2. Letter of support from Nursing Manager of unit.
3. Demonstrated contribution to quality patient care through clinical activities.
4. Completed application (including description of educational program to be attended and anticipated expenses). Preference will be given to cardiac-related topics.

### Scholarship Funding:

1. Approximately \$1,000 in scholarship monies will be available each year.
2. Applications with expenses ranging from \$250 - \$1,000 will be considered. More than one scholarship may be awarded annually.

Award Requirements:

1. Funds awarded must be utilized within one year.
2. Upon completion of educational program, documentation of attendance must be submitted.
3. A description of how information obtained at the educational program will be shared with nursing colleagues to enhance the quality of patient care must be included.

Applications will be reviewed by staff in the Department of Staff and Patient Education. Additional application forms are available from the Staff and Patient Education office. Award recipient(s) will be notified during national Nurses' Week, the week of May 3 to May 8, 2009.

For further information, contact Mell Hobson, ext. 2629.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE –April 24, 2009.**

Completed applications should be submitted to Mary Ellen (Mell) Hobson, RN through her mail box at Mail Code 2210.