

THE LUCY C. AYERS FOUNDATION, Inc.
The Summit South
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Warwick, RI 02886-0203

The Lucy C. Ayers Home For Nurses Incorporated was originally chartered on February 26, 1926 by a group of women with ties to Rhode Island Hospital Training School For Nurses. The object of the corporation was to establish, conduct and maintain a residence for retired or temporarily inactive graduate nurses of Rhode Island Hospital. In time, the word Home in the title changed to Residence and the Training School became the School of Nursing but the goal of the corporation never changed.

Miss Lucy Ayers was born in Canterbury, NH on October 5, 1865 and graduated from the Connecticut Training School of the New Haven Hospital in 1891. Following her graduation, Miss Ayers went into private nursing and later became Superintendent of Nurses at the Women's Hospital in Chicago. Several years later, she became head of the nursing staff at the Women's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. In September 1900, she became Superintendent of the Rhode Island Hospital Training School and served in that position for ten years. Always interested in nursing work, Miss Ayers worked to organize the State Nurses Association and helped to secure passage of a law requiring registration of graduate nurses. She was twice President of the Rhode Island State Nurses' Association, President of the League for Nursing Education and Secretary of the State Board of Examiners of Trained Nurses for twenty years. At the Alumnae Dinner on January 27, 1926, Rhode Island Hospital graduates showed their appreciation of the work done by Miss Ayers during her ten years as Superintendent with the formal announcement of the Home for Nurses to be named in her honor. She was very happy that night and until she died in her seventy fifth year, she continued to show her interest in the success of the Home.

In 1997, with more than 280 Rhode Island Hospital graduates as members of the organization, it became obvious that a change was necessary since providing a residence for nurses was no longer practicable or very useful. On May 27, 1998 the membership attending the annual meeting of the organization voted to amend the name of the corporation to The Lucy C. Ayers Foundation, Inc., and the following sale of the residence use the funds as follows:

Provide assistance to graduates of the Rhode Island Hospital School of Nursing who need financial aid.

Provide assistance for continuing education to graduates of the Rhode Island Hospital School of Nursing who need financial aid.

Provide scholarships for nursing students enrolled in an accredited Rhode Island Nursing program leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

Provide financial assistance for special products or functions related to the Rhode Island Hospital School of Nursing and its Alumni Association as may be approved from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation became official on June 18, 1998.

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Application for Nursing Student Financial Aid

Enrollment required in an Accredited Rhode Island Professional Nursing Program

Name _____ Telephone Number _____
Address _____
Town/City/State _____ Zip _____

Name and Address of School in which you are enrolled _____

Please indicate type of program in which you are enrolled: Associate Degree _____

Diploma _____ BSN _____ MSN _____ Doctorate of Nursing Science _____

Date you expect to graduate _____ Present GPA _____

Previous Schools attended and degrees attained: _____

Requirements: *An official Registrar's letter (with embossed school seal) confirming enrollment in the nursing program is to be sent FROM the school TO the Lucy C. Ayers Foundation. Send verification of school enrollment only, (Not a transcript).

*A NURSING FACULTY Member/Advisor letter of recommendation, which you may enclose with the application.

*State date(s) of any previous application(s) to the Lucy C. Ayers Foundation and amount of award(s) granted. Students may apply more than once to the Foundation, but the Board of Directors will consider only one application per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).

Previous applications, awards and dates: _____

Briefly state reason(s) for requesting financial aid/ or enclose cover letter:

Signature _____ Date of Application _____

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