

# Susan K. Ipacs Nursing Legacy Scholarship Fund

The Susan K. Ipacs Nursing Legacy Scholarship Fund was established at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to honor the work and life of Susan Ipacs – nurse, instructor, mother, wife and friend.

Sue Ipacs' character reflects her Appalachian heritage. Her mother (from Tyler County, West Virginia) and father (Ross County, Ohio) were self-reliant and independent, committed to a financially responsible lifestyle of hard work and industriousness. Her parents were kind and helpful toward others; their Christian beliefs and church fundamental to their home life. As a result, Sue had a preference to soothe and avoid conflict, though never to be confused with acquiescence or unwillingness to tenaciously defend her views. Like her parents, Sue put others at ease and will long be remembered for her compassionate nature.

On her path to professional accomplishments, Sue had to overcome significant obstacles. After graduating from Chillicothe High School, her passion to help others led her to pursue a career in nursing. However, she abandoned her studies in favor of marriage, but soon found herself divorced and the mother of an infant daughter, Jill. Working a minimum wage job and feeling trapped by her life circumstances, Sue realized education was the key to a positive future for both her and her daughter and she was determined to complete her degree in nursing. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Hocking College in 1977. Although a single working mother, Sue continued her studies and earned her BSN from Ohio University in 1984, again graduating Summa Cum Laude. In 1985, Sue became an instructor at Hocking College.

An accepting, warm woman, Sue embraced diversity. Perhaps this was most outwardly apparent in her marrying Joseph Ipacs, the son of Hungarian immigrants, in 1987. Sue became a mother again, giving birth to Joseph ("Joey") in 1988 and Christopher ("Bo") in 1990. Not to be deterred from her continued studies, Sue earned her Master's Degree from Wright State in 1994 – not surprisingly, she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Although Sue could be described as cerebral and thoughtful, she was intensely passionate about her family and nursing. Her dedication, competence, and character led to Sue becoming an Associate Dean in the school of Nursing at Hocking College in 1999. Her professional memberships included the Ohio Council of Associate Degree Nursing Education Administrators, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, and the Education Advisory Council of the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Sue never lost her love of nursing and never forgot the circumstances that led to her college education. As a nursing instructor and associate dean, Sue strove to ease the burdens and obstacles facing students, while nurturing the passion to help others in all who surrounded her, both students and fellow colleagues. She felt a personal responsibility to recognize and attend to the underprivileged and non-traditional student. As so many depended on Sue for her compassion and dedication to the profession, it is the hope that students pursuing their nursing degree remember the reason behind the studies, and the importance of compassion for people in each step of the day

*Susan Ipacs will be well-remembered for her compassion and work to enrich the lives of others, truly exemplifying the profession, and leader, we all aspire to be.*





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## 2013 Guidelines & Application

*Applications may be submitted beginning March 1, 2013 and must be postmarked by April 1, 2013*



The **Susan K. Ipacs Nursing Legacy Scholarship** was established to honor Susan Ipacs, in memory of her lifelong contributions to the nursing field. Remembered for her compassionate nature, Susan exemplified the skills and qualities needed to be a successful nurse caring for the sick. She worked to foster those qualities for future generations as Associate Dean of the Hocking College School of Nursing.

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### Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

- Must be a second year Hocking College student pursuing studies in the Nursing Program.
- Financial need will be considered and candidates should have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.00 scale.
- Recipients shall be chosen on the basis of character as evidenced by personal conduct, values, attitudes and behaviors as applicable to the nursing field and demonstrated in your personal statement and nomination forms.
- Recipients must provide a class schedule showing their enrollment in Hocking College.

**Amount of Award:** Scholarship awards and amounts will vary, depending on availability of funds. Scholarship awards are made payable directly to Hocking College on the student's behalf, for the purposes and expenses associated with tuition, fees, text books, and required supplies and equipment.

**Process:** FAO annually appoints a Scholarship Committee to review applications and recommend awards. Final approval is made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees and all decisions are final.

**Notification of Awards:** All scholarship award **recipients** will be officially contacted by the Foundation and the Foundation's website, [www.appalachianohio.org](http://www.appalachianohio.org), will have a complete posting of all recipients by June 30.

You are responsible for ensuring all supporting documents are submitted in a complete application packet. **This application becomes valid only when the following have been submitted, postmarked on or before April 1, 2013.** Applications may not be faxed and must be sent or delivered to: FAO | P.O. Box 456 | Nelsonville, Ohio 45764. FAO reserves the right to process only applications **complete** as of the application postmark deadline. *Your application must include:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Original **Application**, including all required signatures
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current **Hocking College Transcript** of Student Grades **signed by school official**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) Applicant **Nominations** in sealed envelopes
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Aid Report** listing your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from the FAFSA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant must **sign application**

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OHIO

## Applicant Information

NAME:  Mr.  Ms. First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Family Contribution, EFC: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*\* from the Student Aid Report (SAR) of your FAFSA*

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Information

Name of parent/guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent mailing address and telephone number of parent/guardian:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education attained by father: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education attained by mother: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Data

High School Attended OR Equivalent: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

Year for Upcoming School Year: 1 2 3 4 5 or 6 – Graduate Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Estimated Cost

Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Books/Materials: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Based on:  Quarter  Semester  Annual

## Please Circle

I will: Live on Campus Live off Campus Commute

I am enrolled: Less than Half-Time Half-Time or More Full-Time

My status is: 2011 High School Graduate Undergraduate Graduate

## Financial Aid

**Please list all Awards and Amounts, including Grants, Scholarships and Student Loans already received for the upcoming academic year, indicating if awards are one-time or renewable:**

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_____	_____
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_____	_____
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**Please list any pending scholarships, grants and loans you are seeking for the upcoming academic year:**

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## Transcript Information

1. Please attach your **most recent** Hocking College transcript of grades.

## Personal Statements

**Please attach your typed response to the following questions:**

1. Note your plans as they relate to your future educational & career objectives and goals.
2. Please share why this scholarship would be important to you and your family.
3. Susan Ipacs exemplified the skills and qualities needed to be a successful nurse – please describe why this is important to the nursing field and how you yourself demonstrate these qualities.

## Nominations

To be eligible for consideration of the Susan K. Ipacs Nursing Legacy Scholarship, you must be nominated by **two** faculty members of the Hocking College nursing program. These nominations may be received from instructors, clinical faculty and others who are experienced with your work in the nursing program.

**Certification:** *In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted.*

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 1, 2013 AND MAILED TO:**  
Foundation for Appalachian Ohio | PO Box 456 | Nelsonville, Ohio 45764  
*Please call 740.753.1111 if you have any questions!*



