

KAREN MYNSSEN-SANTOS MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Application Guide

Deadline for submission is: APRIL 1

Purpose of the Scholarship

The Karen Mynssen-Santos Memorial Nursing Scholarship will provide financial support to a deserving student who is a current or former graduate of a Kiowa County, Kansas High School. The successful applicant must be attending or plan to attend full-time at a community college, four-year college or four-year university and major in Nursing. This scholarship is not renewable. Prior recipients, however, are eligible to reapply on an annual basis.

About Karen Mynssen-Santos

Karen Mynssen-Santos was born February 21, 1983 and lived most of her life in Greensburg, Kansas where she graduated from Greensburg High School in 2001. Her natural capacity to care about people led her to pursue a career in nursing. She received her Associates of Science Degree in Nursing in 2007 from Pratt Community College. She went on to earn her Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing from Wichita State University in 2008. While attending school, Karen worked at the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital and later at Wesley Medical Center. In January of 2009, Karen and her husband Andre moved to Darwin, Australia where Karen worked as a nurse at Royal Darwin Hospital. In her short time in Australia, she inspired her co-workers by demonstrating techniques she learned through the US nursing programs.

Karen passed away unexpectedly on October 16, 2009 only four days after being diagnosed with leukemia. Karen had a heart for people and loved giving selflessly to those under her care. This scholarship was established by Karen's family and friends to honor her memory and to continue her legacy of compassion and genuine love of helping others by being a nurse.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Must be majoring in Nursing
2. Must be a graduating senior or former graduate of a Kiowa County, Kansas High School
3. **Must submit an essay on why you want to go into nursing**, (typed, double-spaced, 300 to 500 words)
4. Must intend to pursue full-time studies at a community college, four-year college or university.
5. High school seniors must include high school and college transcripts reflecting college classes taken during high school. Students already in college must attach college transcripts.
6. Must provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members