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Bike Connect
Nursing Scholarship Committee

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ECHN BIKE CONNECT 2010 Nursing Scholarship

Mission Statement

The ECHN Bike Connect Nursing Scholarship has been established to distribute funds raised by the ECHN Bike Connect event. The primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to ECHN employees enrolled in an accredited nursing program that leads to becoming a Registered Nurse. Furthermore, a portion of the funds may be awarded to an ECHN Registered Nurse to assist that person in obtaining an advanced degree.

History of Awards

The First Annual Bike Connect tour on June 8, 2003 brought to fruition an idea of Dr. Robert Rodner and Dr. Alan Krupp for a community-wide bicycle ride that connected the five campuses of ECHN. They believed that this event would enhance public recognition for the merged healthcare network while providing an opportunity to raise funds to support nursing recruitment and education. In an era where nursing shortages are reaching critical levels, this fundraising event captured the interest of ECHN Board members, doctors, nurses and other supporters. Sixty enthusiastic and committed volunteers contributed to making the event a great success, creating an opportunity to provide scholarship money to ECHN employees seeking a professional nursing career.

In the second year, a 45-mile course was added to the tour to connect the Glastonbury Wellness Center campus. In 2008, a 5-mile nurses' walk was added to accommodate families and those who may not bike.

Eligibility

Nursing students who need financial assistance to complete their education and who demonstrate scholastic ability and professional promise are eligible to apply if they meet both of the following criteria:

1. Employee of an ECHN affiliate, at least 20 hours part- or full-time, for at least one year; and
2. Currently enrolled in an accredited traditional or non-traditional nursing program
 - a. Baccalaureate applicants must have completed the 2nd year of a 4-year program
 - b. Associate degree applicants must have completed all prerequisites and be accepted into a nursing program.

Please note that funds for scholarships are limited; not every applicant will receive a scholarship. In reviewing applications, the committee will use the following criteria:

1. Job performance evaluation and recommendation
2. Grade point average
3. Professional goals

In addition, the number of credits in which an applicant is enrolled and the cost per credit will be factored into any award.

The committee has complete discretion in awarding scholarship amounts, and full or partial scholarships may be awarded. The number and amount of scholarships will be based on the number of qualifying applications received. All decisions of the committee are final.

Additional Requirements

If awarded a scholarship, you will agree to maintain employment, whether full or part-time, at an affiliate of ECHN for a minimum of one year.

If awarded a scholarship, you will agree to publicity, including, but not limited to, photos for press releases.

Method of Application and Checklist

In addition to completing the attached questionnaire, applicants must forward the forms on the checklist page during the application period to the Human Resources Office, 71 Haynes Street, Manchester, CT, 06040. The complete application must be received no later than **March 1, 2010. There will be no exceptions.**

If the application is received before March 1, 2010, the committee may contact an applicant if further information is required for completeness. Any incomplete applications received **on or after March 1, 2010** will be returned to the applicant.

Amount of Scholarship

The amount of scholarship will be based on the money available. Amounts may vary for each recipient. Awards will be mailed directly to the educational institution.

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Checklist

- Official academic transcript from current school.
- Verification of active student status (copy of schedule or copy of bill).
- Copy of most recent ECHN performance evaluation.
- Letter of recommendation from an instructor or co-worker.
- A completed application including tuition reimbursement grid. This must be accurate with correct math and deductions for other grants and tuition reimbursements.
- Statement of professional goals.

Signature

Date

Please complete Financial Information on following page:

*** ECHN Tuition Reimbursement:**

Any employee who has completed 3 months of continuous service prior to the time of course enrollment, and is scheduled to work 20 or more hours per week, may participate. Eligible employees may be reimbursed for any courses for which degree credits are issued and must either be related to the employee's present occupation or in preparation for another, better, hospital-related occupation. Reimbursement covers tuition, books and fees. All courses must be approved by both the Department Head and Director of Benefits.

Part-time Employees: \$1,800 maximum (3 terms per school year, Fall to Summer).

Full-time Employees: \$3,000 maximum (3 terms per school year, Fall to Summer).

The Nursing Scholarship Committee will consider cost of tuition over and above the amounts covered by ECHN Tuition Reimbursement and Financial Aid.

Previous post-secondary educational institutions attended (if applicable):

Name of institution: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Attended from _____ to _____ Degree earned: _____

Name of institution: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Attended from _____ to _____ Degree earned: _____

**ECHN Bike Connect 2010
Nursing Scholarship Financial information**

		Summer 2010	Fall 2010	Spring 2011	Distance Programs	Distance Programs	Distance Programs	Distance Programs
1	Name of courses							
2	Total # of credits							
3	Cost per credit OR Cost per course							
4	Other Fees							
5	Total cost (Add lines 3 and 4)							
6	Total dollar amt of all Grants and Scholarships							
7	ECHN tuition reimbursement (FT- \$1000/semester PT \$600/semester)							
8	Total Aid (Add lines 6 and 7)							
9	Expected need (subtract line 8 from line 5)							

By signing this application, you are giving us permission to contact your manager and/or Human Resources to verify the information you have submitted with this application.

I hereby release from liability all representatives and agents of ECHN for their acts performed in good faith and without malice in connection with evaluating this application, the credentials and qualifications, and hereby release from any liability any and all individuals and organizations who provide information to this institution's representative, in good faith and without malice, and I hereby consent to the release of such information.

By signing this application, I certify that I understand and will abide by all of the requirements stated in this application.

By signing this application, I certify that all the statements I have made are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

By signing this application, I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship and accept the scholarship, **I will agree to maintain my employment, whether full or part-time, at an affiliate of ECHN for a minimum of one year after the award of the scholarship.**

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed scholarship applications (pages 3-5 only) must be received no later than **March 1, 2010** by:

US Mail:

Human Resources Office
Nursing Scholarship-Bike Connect
71 Haynes Street
Manchester, CT 06040

or

ECHN interoffice mail:

Human Resources Office
Nursing Scholarship-Bike Connect

or

Fax:

Human Resources Office
(860) 533-3444 Attn: Deb Colella

**The scholarship committee will meet in late March to begin the review of applications.
You will be contacted by May 1, 2010 if you are selected for an interview or award.**