



Rita Sorenson Nursing Scholarship (Payson Campus Only)

Online Application accessible at

<https://gilacc.org/nursing/>

Funding provided by Arizona Community Foundation thanks to Mr. Sorensen

**Apply by December 12, 2025 for Spring Semester
Apply by July 15, 2025 for Fall Semester**

Gila Community College is very pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the **Rita Sorensen Nursing Scholarship for up to a maximum of \$2000 per semester, and a maximum award of \$8000 over the span of the program.**

Program Overview:

The purpose of this scholarship program is to discover, nurture and develop nursing talent to meet the demands of the state and the nation. A key program goal is for ALL scholars to

1. become **A**ware of the many exciting opportunities available in health care in the Payson community
2. take **C**ontrol of their lives, careers, professional development, academics (CPA), and
3. pursue **E**xcellence with respect to all aspects of their education.

Eligibility Criteria and Requirements:

- Register for Gila Community College classes as a declared Nursing major
- Compose a "Financial Need and Career Interest Essay," describing your financial need, personal career interests, and a vision on how you would serve the Payson community after graduation, to be submitted with this application. This paper should be between 500 and 1000 words as a basic guideline.
- Submit the name and contact information for two references.
- Scholarships can only be awarded up to the maximum amount of unmet need.
- Submit all requested information via email to Alayna Barr - Gila Community College Nursing Program Administrator, alayna.barr@gilacc.org. For questions call Mrs. Barr at 928-978-0746 (Cell).

We hope that you'll be joining our growing community of scholars and mentors. Thank you very much!

ELIGIBILITY, WHAT YOU WILL NEED, CRITERIA

- ☐ Student at Gila Community College, demonstrate unmet need, declared Nursing major, contact information for two references, Financial Need and Career Interest Essay, taking classes toward the Nursing degree, and maintain a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Fill out this application
- ☐ Financial Need and Career Interest Essay: Take control of your career and start looking at where you are interested in working and what you would like to do. This document will be a guide for your future, and your plan for achieving career academic goals.
 - Introduction describing your future vision of using your Nursing degree to serve the Payson community.
 - Describe your financial need.
 - Describe employers you are interested in working for and why you like these particular companies.
 - Include leadership, project experiences, community service, computer skills, jobs - paid and unpaid etc. that have prepared you for a career in Nursing.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to serving in the Payson community
- Merit
- Financial Need

Submit the Needs-Based Scholarship Application by July 15, 2025 for the Fall semester or by December 15, 2025 for the Spring semester. Submit all requested information via email to Alayna Barr - Gila Community College Nursing Program Administrator, alayna.barr@gilacc.org. For questions, call Mrs. Barr at 928-978-0746 (Cell).