The Robert D. Kruse Memorial Scholarship Fund for Allied Health Professionals

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2019

Purpose
The Robert D. Kruse Memorial Scholarship was created by Alice Kruse in memory of her husband, Robert D. Kruse, DPE. Dr. Kruse was the Director of Cleveland Clinic’s School of Physical Therapy from 1956 to 1962, and retired as a faculty member from Cuyahoga Community College in 1986. He earned a Physical Therapy certificate from the Mayo Clinic, Master’s degree from the University of Michigan, and Doctorate degree in Physical Education (DPE) from Springfield College.

Dr. Kruse, who was visually impaired, enthusiastically supported and encouraged all students, especially those determined to advance their education as far as they could. His goal was to ensure those students had the resources to unlock their full potential and obtain that education. The Robert D. Kruse Memorial Scholarship fund has provided over $350,000 scholarships to 102 students since 2005.

Eligibility
The student must be enrolled full-time in an accredited certificate, associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree health science program. Nursing students and Cleveland Clinic employees are not eligible for this scholarship. The student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and be going into the final year of a health science program to be considered (with a graduation date between December 2019 and August 2020). Preference may be given to students who have or will have clinical rotations at a Cleveland Clinic facility.

Although students from all health science programs are eligible to apply, scholarships may be awarded to students from health science programs based on the workforce needs of Cleveland Clinic. Current projected employment needs are Medical Laboratory Scientists, Medical Laboratory Technicians, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Physician Assistants, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, Health Information Management personnel and Ophthalmic Technologists and Assistants. These employment needs are subject to change.

Details
Recipients of the scholarship could receive up to $5,000. The money will be sent directly to the school and applied to meet student academic expenses (tuition and fees). Scholarship recipients will be encouraged to apply for open positions at Cleveland Clinic facilities upon completing their program.

Application Process
Submit all documents by April 30, 2019.

Please submit the following documents in one envelope (do not send documents separately!):

1. Completed application
2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
3. One-page typewritten statement (no more than 400 words) stating your career goals (e.g. clinical practice, education, areas of interest, continuing education, clinical instructor or mentor, etc.), reasons for choosing the health science profession you are pursuing, and any pertinent life- or career-changing events that have influenced your career path

You also need to request that the following documentation be prepared and sent directly to the address below. These items submitted by the applicant will not be accepted.

1. Two recommendation forms. The recommendation form is required, a letter may also be sent in addition to the required form. One recommendation must come from a faculty member of your health science program.
2. Official transcript from your college or university.
**Please note:** The applicant is responsible for completeness of their application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to follow up with Cleveland Clinic’s Health Sciences Education department to check the status of the documents received.

Please do **NOT** staple documents.
Please do **NOT** print documents double-sided.

All application documentation should be mailed to:
Cleveland Clinic
Education Institute
Health Professions’ Education Council
9500 Euclid Avenue/NA31
Cleveland, OH 44195

**Review Process**
Members of the Cleveland Clinic Health Professions’ Education Council and Mrs. Kruse will serve on the review and selection committee.

**Timeline**
Open application period: February 1, 2019, through April 30, 2019
Review and selection process: May 1, 2019, through June 15, 2019
Recipients notified: August 1, 2019
Disbursement issued to schools: August 15, 2019

**Questions?**
Please call the Center for Health Sciences Education at 216.444.4018