

January 2026

The Patricia L. Stevenson Memorial Nursing Scholarship

To Whom It May Concern:

The Rotary Club of Shawnee is pleased to announce the first annual Patricia L. Stevenson Memorial Nursing Scholarship, open to students who reside in Shawnee, Kansas or attend/attended a high school located in Shawnee, Kansas, and who are committed to pursuing a career in nursing. This scholarship honors our sister, aunt and past Shawnee Rotary Club member, Patricia (Tricia) L. Stevenson, who died in 2024 as a result of an accidental fire in her home.

Tricia was born in Youngstown, Ohio and attended Youngstown State University (Associates Degree in Nursing/RN), College of Mount St. Joseph (Bachelors in Business Administration) and Webster University (Masters of Business Administration). She began her nursing career as a registered nurse and evolved into an administrator position at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. She continued as an administrator at Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital in Warren, Ohio and then at the Drake Center and St. Luke Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tricia's last position, from which she retired in 2013, was as an Administrative Director at Shawnee Mission Medical Center where she was responsible for Quality of Care.

Tricia was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She was also a proud mother to several fur babies, including dogs and birds. She loved to travel, enjoyed music, cooking, volunteering within her community, and sports. She especially enjoyed watching the Chiefs win a super bowl and was her family's March Madness Champion in back to back seasons!

Tricia had a heart for helping others. She was always willing to do what she could to make life easier or happier for someone else. This heart led her into a career in nursing and it also led her to become a member of The Rotary Club of Shawnee. Tricia was a Rotary member from 2001-2017 and a Paul Harris Fellow, level 4. Her favorite Rotary project, that she spearheaded, was the yearly Bike Safety Rodeo for young children. Tricia was proud of her affiliation with the Rotary and considered its members to be her second family.

In keeping with Tricia's love of service, it is with great pleasure that we honor her memory by continuing to promote future nurses that will benefit generations to come.

Very truly yours,
The Rotary Club of Shawnee
and The Crittenden Family

Rotary Club of Shawnee, Kansas

The Patricia L. Stevenson Memorial Nursing Scholarship Application 2026

The Rotary Club of Shawnee, Kansas is pleased to offer a \$2,500 scholarship to an area student (1) who is committed to pursue higher education in Nursing at any level, and (2) who either resides in Shawnee or attend/attended a high school located in Shawnee. The recipient will be selected from qualifying candidates who submit the following application and appropriate letter (s) of reference no later than March 13, 2026.

Patricia L. Stevenson Memorial Nursing Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Last

First

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

School: _____

Academic Status: GPA (4.0 scale) _____ ACT or SAT score: _____ (if applicable)

And/or Proof of Admission to a certified nursing program. (please attach)

Attach one sheet for each of the following. Limit each response to a maximum of 200 words.

1. What is your motivation for wanting to become a nurse and in what area would you like to practice?
2. What characteristics does a good nurse need to develop or possess?
3. Describe any past/current classes, extra-curricular activities or volunteer experience that you have had that has been helpful to you in preparing for a nursing career.
4. If you could envision your career path today, what would it entail and where would it end up?
5. If this is a second or alternate career choice for you, please explain how you arrived at this decision.

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6. Attach a letter(s) of reference from someone like a teacher or supervisor familiar with your academic, extra-curricular, work or volunteer activities. Ask them to describe your specific involvement in and commitment to the activities in which they have expertise.
 7. Please include a transcript, if available, but do not provide photographs.

Remember: Your application and letter(s) of reference must be postmarked, hand-delivered, or emailed no later than March 13, 2026. Mail applications to Kristen Shelley-Mattox at 11125 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66203 or send by email to kristen@estatelawks.com.