



DENVER HEALTH OFFICE OF EDUCATION™

Denver Health Sabin Scholarships in Nursing Education

Denver Health has been a schoolhouse for many educators; the most storied is Dr. Florence Sabin. Sabin was born in Central City in 1871 to a frontier mining family which relocated to Denver so that she and her sister could continue their education. Sabin took advantage, eventually becoming the first female professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University, the first female member of the National Academy of Sciences, and the first female physician-scientist at Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. In the final years of her life, she returned to Colorado to live with her sister and advance Colorado's ability to care for the ill. She served as Chair of the Subcommittee on Health, crafted laws which halved the incidence of infectious diseases in Denver, and spurred the development of our community health clinics.

Purpose:

In honor of Dr. Sabin's pioneering spirit as a health professions educator, Denver Health will award Sabin Scholarships in Nursing Education to employees from underrepresented backgrounds who wish to follow Sabin's footsteps. Denver Health takes pride in our nurses and the professional development of the largest workforce at Denver Health. These scholarships promote high standards of health care by facilitating the advancement of nursing through financial support. Our ultimate goal is to improve the quality of health care to all of the Denver Health community by advancing the profession of nursing.

Eligibility

- Employee must have worked at Denver Health for a minimum of one year and currently working a minimum of 20 hours per week.
- Employee must be in **good standing, currently accepted in a baccalaureate registered nurse program, come from an underrepresented group**, and submit:
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - Evidence of financial need (FAFSA required)
 - Educational transcripts
 - 500 word essay reflect his/her plan for contributing to Denver Health's Mission and Education Initiative

Selection Process

The Sabin Scholarships in Nursing Education Oversight Committee, comprised of a multidisciplinary team, establishes the scholarship guiding principles and award criteria to ensure alignment and consistency for all available scholarships. This Oversight Committee is responsible for the annual selection process and names the recipients of the scholarships.

Diversity in the Workforce

Denver Health is an equal employment opportunity employer and promotes diversity in its workforce. In addition, the importance of promoting diversity in the nursing workforce is acknowledged by various nursing agencies and health organizations including the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN, 2013). By providing scholarship opportunities, Denver Health aims to facilitate the entrance of our diverse workforce into nursing positions to better serve the community.

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