Dr. Stephen J. Swartz Nursing Scholarship

The Dr. Stephen J. Swartz Nursing Scholarship was established in 2021 through the generosity of Joan Rechnitz to recognize Dr. Stephen J. Swartz for his exceptional contributions to patient care. For many years, Dr. Stephen J. Swartz has served on the medical staff at Riverview Medical Center and has built a reputation for his exceptional clinical care. Dr. Swartz has forged a special bond with the nursing staff on almost every unit of the hospital. This prestigious award signifies his strong commitment to nursing and to the promotion of excellence in patient care.

The Dr. Stephen J. Swartz Nursing Scholarship is presented to a team member or registered nurses who on a daily basis exhibit excellence in the delivery of patient care and are enrolled in Certificate, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctoral programs.

Award Criteria:

1. The nominee must be a registered nurse or team member enrolled in a Certificate program, Bachelors (pre licensure/RN to BSN), Masters in Nursing, Masters in Business Administration or Nursing Doctorate program.
2. The nominee must currently be employed by Hackensack Meridian *Health* (HMH) and be in good standing.
3. Preference will be given to candidates applying from RMC, then from Central Region hospitals, then HMH network wide.
4. Scholarship recipients may be awarded funds in multiple years.

DEADLINE FOR Application: July 17, 2026

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2026 Nomination Form

Nominee's Name_____PeopleSoft ID_____

Home Street Address_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

Phone: Home_____Work_____Cell_____

Email:_____ Campus_____

Position_____ Unit_____ Nurse Manager_____

National Certifications: _____CAP Level:_____

Scholarships will be awarded in the following categories, please indicate the program you are enrolled in:

Certificate Program
School and type of Certificate_____
Bachelor's BSN ____or ____(pre licensure/RN to BSN)
School _____
Master's MSN___ or _____MBA
School and Specialty_____
Doctoral PhD ____or _____DNP
School_____

Attach the following:

1. Narrative Statement not to exceed 2 pages addressing how the nominee exhibits a commitment to excellence in patient care
2. Evidence of enrollment
3. Any additional documentation to support the application (optional) and may include letters of support, thank you letters from patients, award nominations, etc…

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: July 17, 2026

Preferred Option: Scan completed application and supporting paperwork as one document **(not as a link or shortcut)** and send scanned document by email to: AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org
OR Mail to: Hackensack Meridian *Health* Ann May Center
100 Tormee Drive, 2nd Floor, Tinton Falls, NJ 07712

For more information contact the Ann May Center at AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

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