

Kathryn Breslin Bahrt RN Memorial Scholarship

The Kathryn Breslin Bahrt Nursing Scholarship was established in 2006 in Kathryn's memory by her daughter, Genevieve Bahrt, also a registered nurse. On May 28th 1937, Kathryn received her diploma and pin from the Hazleton State Hospital School of Nursing in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. After her marriage, she moved to New Jersey and was the first nurse from outside of New Jersey hired by Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Elizabeth, now Trinitas.

This scholarship was established to provide an opportunity to assist nursing students in pursuing their professional goals and interests. Kathryn valued the importance of education and encouraged pursuing further schooling and specialty certifications. Kathryn became a nurse for all of the right reasons. She genuinely cared for individuals and families in need and provided nursing care with compassion, clinical excellence and knowledge. Her professional career spanned all age groups and specialties. Besides Saint Elizabeth's, she worked staff, charge and as nursing supervisor at other Elizabeth area hospitals: Elizabeth General, Alexian Brothers, Memorial Hospital, (Union Hospital) and Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. She also worked private duty both in the acute care setting and in private residences. Her years of nursing experience spoke volumes of invaluable lessons to be learned. As a patient, she was always sharing her nursing experiences and provided teaching on the delivery of patient care. Even in the morning on the day of her passing, she informed the visiting nurse that she has been a nurse for 73 years. This scholarship awarded by the Bahrt children hopes to identify and support individuals that possess the same love, passion, dedication and giving spirit of the profession she was so proud of and aptly represented.

Eligibility: To be eligible, applicant must be a Hackensack Meridian *Health*, **Jersey Shore University Medical Center** employee enrolled in a RN program, an upper division nursing program (RN to BSN) or advanced degree program in nursing.

Amount of Scholarship: Scholarship will be awarded up to \$500 dollars by the Bahrt children in the month of May during Nurses Week at Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

Deadline for Submission:

Complete attached application and return by **March 13, 2026**

Kathryn Breslin Bahrt, RN, Memorial Scholarship 2026 Application

INSTRUCTIONS: To honor the memory of Kathryn Breslin Bahrt, RN, Genevieve Bahrt, her daughter, has established a nursing scholarship in her name. This scholarship was established to provide an opportunity to assist nursing students in pursuing their professional goals and interests. To qualify, an individual must be enrolled in a RN program, an upper division program (RN to BSN) or advanced degree program in nursing. All JSUMC nursing students and nurses are invited to apply. Scholarship recipient (s) will be decided by the Bahrt children and shall be based on financial need, academic achievement and character of the applicant. Please complete the entire application and return to:

Preferred option: Scan completed application and supporting paperwork then email as one PDF document (not as a link or shortcut) to AnnMayCenter@HMHN.ORG

Or Mail to: Ann May Center for Nursing and Allied Health
100 Tormee Drive, 2nd Floor, Tinton Falls, NJ 07712

Deadline for submission: March 13, 2026



Name _____ Peoplesoft ID # _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Position _____ Campus _____

Unit _____ Nurse Manager _____

Email Address _____

Years of Service at Meridian _____

____ Full Time ____ Part Time ____ Per Diem (Amount of days per month at HMH ____)

Current Program of Study _____

Name of School _____ GPA _____

Date of Entry _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

Credits Last Semester _____ Credits this semester _____

Total credits earned to date _____

Course Title(s) this Semester _____

Eligible for Tuition Reimbursement: ____ Full ____ Partial ____ Not eligible

Previous Scholarship Recipient: Type of Scholarships _____

Dates & Amounts _____

Membership in Professional Associations/Offices Held _____

Clinical Advancement Status _____ National Certifications _____

Membership on Hospital Committees _____

Awards/Honors _____

Publications/Presentations/Projects _____

Community Service _____

Additional Documentation Required:

- A. Transcript (If available)
- B. Resume or CV
- C. Financial Information (See Attached)
- D. Personal Statement
- E. **Two** letters of recommendation, one from a current **professor** and one from their current **manager** addressed to the Bahrt Family

Personal Statement (not to exceed two pages). Please sign and date your statement.

Please address in essay format, why you merit consideration for this scholarship and the following:

- Demonstrates interest to pursue such study and future plans; academic achievements and success; difficulty of course of study
- Demonstrate financial need; motivation and ability to help towards cost of education; extenuating circumstances
- Special family circumstances (e.g. illness, job loss; unusual expenses)

Place check next to the enclosed documents.

____ Transcript ____ Resume ____ Completed Financial Page ____ Personal Statement

____ **Two** letters of recommendation (one from a Guidance Counselor/**Professor**; the other letter from current **employer**)

The information contained in this application is correct. I agree to accept all decisions for scholarships made by the Selection Committee.

Signature of Applicant

Date

All information provided in this application will be kept confidential. Please make sure that the application is complete and includes all additional documentation required including your personal statement.

For more information, please Email: AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

Financial Information for Kathryn Breslin Bahrt Scholarship

Please list all projected income (including spouse) and expenses, including all education related expenses as well as personal, family and household expenses.

Income	Expenses
	Tuition
	Books
	Housing/Rent
	Transportation
Current Scholarships:	Student Loans
	Misc.
	Personal
Financial Aid:	
	Household
Total Income:	Total Expenses:

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS