

Colorado Nurses Foundation Awards \$33,500 in Scholarships to 17 Nursing Students

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The Colorado Nurses Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 scholarship awards. Seventeen nursing students from across Colorado received a total of \$33,500 in scholarships to support their nursing education, bringing the Foundation's total to over \$500,000 awarded since 2012. This milestone represents CNF's ongoing commitment to advancing nursing in Colorado through educational support.

This year's recipients are pursuing degrees at various levels—from associate degrees to doctoral programs—at nursing schools throughout the state. These scholarships reflect the generosity of donors, constituent associations, and organizations who share CNF's vision that nursing is recognized for its leadership role in creating a sustainable healthcare system for Colorado.

2025 Scholarship Recipients

Carrie Wassel received the Deans and Directors of Colorado scholarship (\$3,000), the highest individual award this year.

Roy Anderson Memorial Scholarships (\$2,000 each) were awarded to **Laura Aguiar, Carissa Roentz, Isaiah Muniz, and Kira Scoma**. The Roy Anderson Memorial scholarship honors the legacy of a dedicated nurse leader.

Josephine Ballard Fund scholarships (\$2,000 each) were presented to **Elle Dusek, Natalie Freeman, and Karlei Medrano**.

Additional \$2,000 scholarship recipients include:

- **Isaac Colvett** – Bronson Tremblay Memorial Scholarship
- **Pa Thee** – Helen Frost Shaw Fund
- **Isabella Williams** – H.M. Muffly Memorial Scholarship

- **Risa Wilder** – CNA Virginia Paulson Memorial Scholarship
- **Makenna Mosher** – Colorado Rockies Health Care Appreciation Scholarship
- **Kylee Irwin** – Colorado Rockies Health Care Appreciation Scholarship
- **Lorrena Slaton** – Jennifer Allen-Thomas Scholarship
- Two constituent association scholarships were also awarded:
- **Bridget Hollen** received the \$1,500 Nurses Furthering Knowledge scholarship
- **Jose Luis Guerrero Baez** received the \$1,500 Nurses in Action Eleanor Bent Memorial Scholarship
- **Navpreet Kaur Gill** was awarded the \$1,000 Women in Health Care Excellence in Nursing scholarship.

Supporting the Next Generation

These scholarships are made possible through the generous support of individual donors, Colorado Nurses Association constituent associations like Nurses Furthering Knowledge and Nurses in Action, healthcare organizations, and corporate sponsors.

"Each of these students represents the future of nursing in Colorado," said Margaret Mulhall, President. "We are honored to support their educational journey and look forward to the contributions they will make to healthcare in our state."

How to Apply and Support

The Colorado Nurses Foundation scholarship application opens each September and closes at the end of October. Recipients are announced in December, and scholarships are funded in January. Nursing students and RNs seeking advanced education who are Colorado residents committed to practicing nursing in Colo-

rado are encouraged to apply.

The need for nursing scholarships continues to grow. Those interested in supporting the next generation of Colorado nurses can donate to the Colorado Nurses Foundation at www.coloradonursesfoundation.com. Additionally, proceeds from Colorado's specialty nursing license plates go directly to nursing scholarships.

Congratulations to all the 2025 scholarship recipients. Your dedication to nursing excellence will make a lasting difference in the lives of Coloradans across our state. ■



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