

Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital Association, Inc. awards seven area students Foundation Scholarships

Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship Program was established over 20 years ago to help maintain health care professionals and encourage students to return to the area to establish their careers. Qualified recipients must be in good academic standing studying in a health care field, excluding those in medical school.

The 2011 recipients of continuing education scholarships:

Prairie du Chien Senior High School

Brandon Bird, Nursing - \$4,000 deferred

Jessica Mara, Nursing - \$8,000 deferred

Jessica Swiggum, Speech Therapy - \$8,000 deferred

Clayton Ridge High School

Taylor Fassbinder, Nursing - \$8,000 deferred

DeSoto High School

Courtney Stilwell, Nursing - \$8,000 deferred

North Crawford High School

Samantha Brown, Nursing - \$8,000 deferred

Nursing Scholarship

Terry Van Loo - \$2,000

The scholarship program allows up to \$2,000 per year with a maximum of \$8,000. This is a low interest loan but can be forgiven if employed by Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital Association, Inc. upon graduation. The recipient is paid a regular hourly rate of pay, along with the loan amount being forgiven at a rate of one and one half dollars (\$1.50) for every hour worked. Applications are available each February and are to be completed and returned by the end of March. A selection committee of the Foundation interviews and awards scholarships to those considered best eligible to fill the awards being offered by the hospital.

Since its inception in 1990, the program has been very successful in assisting approximately 70 individuals in achieving their dream of becoming a member of the health care workforce.

The Foundation Scholarship Committee consists of members from surrounding communities: Harold Brown, Foundation Scholarship Chairperson; Maria Brummel; David Doll; Janet Finn; Mary Ann Garrity; Ron Sedgwick; Gloria Wall; and Bill Sexton, Hospital Chief Executive Officer.

For more information regarding the scholarship program, contact Kim Krogan, Administration, at Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital (608) 357-2234.

