

THE CAROL ANN CAWLEY WESHNAK PEDIATRIC NURSING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2026

To honor those who devote their career to excellence in pediatric nursing, the Weshnak family has established a scholarship to be used to advance the formal education of nurses.

The Carol Ann Cawley Weshnak Pediatric Nursing Scholarship is awarded annually to a nurse who best exemplifies the ideals of family-centered care and clinical excellence in the pediatric setting. This award has been established to recognize an individual nurse who has made significant contributions to Hackensack Meridian *Health* Hospitals or the community.

Eligibility:

A Carol Ann Cawley Weshnak Pediatric Nursing Scholarship recipient will have:

- made an extraordinary nursing contribution to Hackensack Meridian *Health* Hospitals at JSUMC, RMC, BMC, OMC, SOMC or RMBC-OB/PA and/or the community
- demonstrated remarkable nursing excellence and passion in all that he/she does
- enrolled in a bachelor's, master's or doctoral program of study or in preparation for the national certification in pediatric nursing or has a plan for further professional development

Award Criteria:

1. The nominee must currently be employed by Hackensack Meridian *Health*
2. A completed nomination form must be submitted by the deadline
3. The nominee must demonstrate excellence and commitment to quality of care within his/her practice.
4. An individual may nominate him/herself or may be nominated by a colleague.

This award may be used

- To support tuition fees
- Educational resource costs such as books, online journals

Selection Committee

Carol and Barry Weshnak or designee

President, Hackensack Meridian *Health* Foundation, or designee

Senior Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer, Hackensack Meridian *Health* or designee

CAROL ANN CAWLEY WESHNAK PEDIATRIC NURSING
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
2026 Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____ Peoplesoft ID # _____

Campus _____ Unit _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Position/Credentials _____ Clinical Advancement _____

National Certification _____

If in school, program nominee is enrolled in _____

Leading towards the following degree/certification _____

Nominated by: _____ Unit _____ Campus _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Attach the following:

1. Curriculum Vitae or Resume
2. Two letters of support, one from the nominee's manager and one from a peer or physician.
3. Narrative Statement not to exceed 3 pages addressing one or more of the following criteria:
 - ◆ Nominee has made an extraordinary nursing contribution to the Hackensack Meridian *Health* Hospitals at JSUMC, RMC, BMC, OMC, SOMC or RMBC-OB/PA and/or the community
 - ◆ Nominee has demonstrated remarkable nursing excellence and passion in all that he/she does
 - ◆ One paragraph on how the monetary award will be used
4. Any supplemental information that may provide evidence of the nominee's qualifications for this award

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 13, 2026

Complete and return the entire application, personal statement and all additional documentation.

Preferred Option: Scan completed application and supporting paperwork as one document (not as a link or shortcut) and then send that document by Email to:

[**AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org**](mailto:AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org)

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

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