

JAIRAM N. KAMATH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

To memorialize his exceptional life and in appreciation of the care he was provided, the family of Jairam N. Kamath established a scholarship in his memory to be used for the education of nursing students employed by *JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute*, preferably the Center for Brain Injuries.

Jairam Kamath started from humble beginnings in India, being the middle born of three boys, and having lost his father at the tender age of 8 years. Scholarship opportunities for education during his school/college years, and the help of supportive mentors post graduation, allowed him to achieve professional success in the USA. An unexpected diagnosis in 2016 of a brain tumor, robbed him of the opportunity for continued future success, and resulted in unplanned hospital stays. During those visits, Jairam noted there were not enough male nurses/patient care associates to help care for patients who preferred male caregivers.

Created to honor the compassion/dedication exemplified by a male patient care associate in the BTU, and a nurse at the ERU, this scholarship aims to enable entry level/support staff/nursing staff, with preference to those who are male, to pursue a career in nursing, and help make a difference in a patient's life.

Eligibility: Must be an employee, preferably a male, of the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute and enrolled in a program leading to a degree in nursing. The Jairam N. Kamath Scholarship will be awarded based on combined criteria of financial need and academic/professional merit.

Applicants from this specific group will be considered first and additional applicants may be considered based on availability and merit.

Deadline for Submission: December 1, 2026

Jairam N. Kamath Memorial Scholarship 2026 Application

Inspired by the care he received from nurse Minaxa Desai and other members of his care team, Jairam's family's wishes were that a gift be made to the Center for Brain Injuries to help ensure they are positioned to provide the best possible rehabilitation care. Recognizing the need for more male caregivers in the department, Jairam's family generously supported a scholarship to enable male team members of the Center for Brain Injuries achieve success in their efforts to become a Registered Nurse (R.N.).

The Jairam Kamath Memorial Scholarship awards at least one scholarship each year to an eligible, preferably Male, Team Member of the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute who is enrolled in RN programs and who demonstrate outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in patient care, particularly at the bedside.

Additional Eligibility: Applicants must continue employment with the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute for the duration of the scholarship

This scholarship may be used to supplement tuition, fees, lab, books or educational supply expenses (excluding transportation expenses) connected with the RN program of study.

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Name _____ Peoplesoft ID # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Position _____ Unit _____ Campus _____

Manager _____ Years of Service at Hackensack Meridian *Health* _____

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

Name of Nursing School _____

Date of Entry _____ Expected Date of Graduation Month/Year _____

Number of Credits this semester _____ Total credits earned to date _____

Course Title(s) this Semester _____

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

Awards _____

II. Personal Statement:

Please submit with this application a personal statement not to exceed 1 1/2 pages defining your personal goals and explaining why you merit consideration for this scholarship. Highest consideration will be given to applicants who document outstanding commitment to excellence in direct bedside nursing care.

III. Additional Documentation Required:

- _____ A. Transcript
- _____ B. Documentation of Program of Study
- _____ C. Financial Statement of Need (Attached)
- _____ D. 2 Signed and Dated Letters of Recommendation from:
 1. _____ Peer/Colleague
 2. _____ Manager/Instructor

I attest that the information contained in this application is correct. I agree to accept all decisions for scholarships made by the Scholarship sponsor. All information in this application will be kept confidential.

Signature of Applicant

Date

For more information email AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

Submit the entire application, personal statement and all additional documentation to:

Preferred Option:

Scan completed application and supporting paperwork as one document, (not

as a link or shortcut) then send that document by email to:

AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org & CC: Gregory.Jones@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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PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

Financial Information for Jairam N. Kamath Scholarship

Please document all education related expenses and income:

Expenses	Income
Tuition per credit:	Tuition Reimbursement (Semester/Year):
Tuition per semester:	Current Scholarships Received (Past Year):
Books:	
Fees:	
Transportation Costs:	
Student Loans:	Other Financial Aid (Please list):
Child Care costs:	
Personal:	
Total Expenses:	Total Income:

Amount Requested: _____