

Meagan (Meg) Barnes Cardiovascular Memorial Scholarship Application 2026

Mary Meagan Barnes, or Meg, as many of us knew her, began her career at Jersey Shore University Medical Center—now Hackensack Meridian *Health*—where she worked on Mehandru 6 as a medical-surgical nurse. She later advanced to the Cardiothoracic ICU, and eventually to Invasive Cardiology and Electrophysiology. Her growth in these specialized areas of nursing speaks to her exceptional commitment, expertise, and passion for her work. Meg’s patients felt her care in every interaction, and her compassion was not only recognized but deeply appreciated by everyone she served.

One of Meg’s proudest moments was receiving the Florence Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing. This award symbolized her deep commitment to patient care, a commitment that extended beyond the technical skills and knowledge she brought to every shift. Meg treated every patient with empathy, kindness, and an unwavering sense of responsibility, which is exactly what the Florence Nightingale Award stands for. For the past ten years, Meg's siblings have proudly honored her name by awarding this scholarship to eleven deserving nurses at Hackensack Meridian who share her dedication for compassionate care.

Along with her professional achievements, Meg is also remembered for being larger than life with a great sense of humor and the love she shared with her family and friends was felt by all. She was a person who brought warmth, joy, and laughter into the lives of those around her, and her loss is felt deeply by her friends, colleagues, and family. Meg will never be replaced as a sister, a friend, or a nurse. We miss her every day and find great pride and purpose in honoring her each year through this scholarship.

To the recipients of this scholarship, you are here not only because of your talent and hard work but also because you embody the spirit that Meg brought to nursing. We hope her memory inspires you to pursue your career with the same compassion, skill, and joy that she shared with the world. Let her life be a reminder that nursing is more than a profession—it is a calling to serve, to comfort, and to heal.

To honor Meg’s memory this scholarship has been established to be used for the education of nurses and nursing students throughout *Jersey Shore University Medical Center*. Nurses and nursing students of all specialties are invited to apply but *special consideration will be given to those nurses working in CTICU, Invasive Cardiology, EPS and who demonstrate a strong commitment to ensuring the safety and comfort of patients.*

DEADLINE March 13, 2026

Name _____ Peoplesoft ID # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Campus _____

Unit/Department _____ Manager’s Name _____

Years of service at Hackensack Meridian *Health* _____

Employed: Full Time _____ Part Time _____ Per Diem _____

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

Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____ No. of Dependents _____

Current or Planned Program of Study: _____

Name of School: _____

Continuing Education Program Title _____

Date of Entry in program: _____ GPA: _____ Date of Graduation _____

Total credits earned: _____ Number of Credits this semester _____

Classes registered for this semester: _____

Total Cost of Program: Fees _____ Per Credit _____ Books _____

Current Scholarships/Financial Aid _____

Membership in Professional Associations: _____

Offices Held: _____

Membership in Hospital Committees: _____

Clinical Advancement Status _____

Awards _____

Publications: _____

II. Additional Documentation Required:

- A. ___ Transcript
- B. ___ Documentation of Program of Study
- C. ___ Resume or CV
- D. ___ Two Letters of Recommendation:
 - a. Peer/Colleague
 - b. Manager/Instructor
- E. ___ Personal Statement

III. Personal Statement: Please submit one-page narrative which defines your personal goals and explains why you merit consideration for this scholarship. Highest consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate a strong commitment to excellence in cardiovascular nursing practice particularly in providing safe, high quality compassionate care for patients.

I attest that all of the information contained in this application is correct. I agree to accept all decisions for scholarships made by the Scholarship sponsor.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please complete the entire application and attach all required supporting documentation and return.

Preferred Option:

Scan completed application and supporting paperwork as **one PDF document** (not as a link or shortcut) and send scanned document by email to: AnnMayCenter@HMHN.org

Or Mail:
Hackensack Meridian *Health*
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