



Sister Mary Jean Ryan, Lincoln University Nursing Scholarship

Instructions

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The Sister Mary Jean Ryan, Lincoln University Nursing Scholarship was established by St. Mary's Hospital Foundation to honor Sister Mary Jean Ryan, FSM for her selfless and exceptional service to SSM Health Care and St. Mary's. Sister Mary Jean was the first CEO of SSM Health Care, and during her 25 years at the helm, led SSM to be the first health care organization in the nation to receive the Malcom Baldrige Quality Award. Sister Mary Jean transitioned from CEO to board chair in 2011 and this scholarship commemorates her visionary leadership and outstanding service to SSM and St. Mary's.

The scholarship is also in recognition of the outstanding Department of Nursing Science program at Lincoln University and its ongoing relationship with SSM-St. Mary's Hospital.

Description of the Scholarship

The Sister Mary Jean Ryan, Lincoln University Nursing Scholarship is part of the St. Mary's Foundation Scholarship Program. The scholarship will be awarded annually and the recipient will receive up to a maximum amount of \$2,500.

The application deadline is March 3, 2025 and the scholarship will be announced in conjunction with Lincoln University's Honors Convocation in mid-April.

Criteria for the Scholarship

The Sister Mary Jean Ryan, Lincoln University Nursing Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student enrolled in a nursing class in the Department of Nursing Science at Lincoln University. The student's permanent residence must be in Cole, Osage, Miller, Moniteau, Callaway, Gasconade, Maries, Camden, or Morgan County.

The student should be in good standing academically (hold a minimum of a 3.2 GPA or above, on a 4.0 GPA scale, or an equivalent rating on a comparative GPA scale) and exemplify the St. Mary's values of compassion, respect, excellence, stewardship, and community. The student must have completed 30 or more hours in the Lincoln University Nursing Science Program.

The complete application must be submitted to the St. Mary's Foundation Scholarship Committee by 4:30 p.m. on March 3, 2025.

Complete applications will include:

- A completed application form with all requested information attached.
- An original transcript in an official sealed envelope.
- Official verification of current enrollment in a nursing class in the Lincoln University Department of Nursing Science
- The student's completed personal statement.
- The Nomination Form which must be completed by a member of the Lincoln University Department of Nursing Science faculty.

How is the Sister Mary Jean Ryan- Lincoln University Nursing Scholarship Recipient Chosen?

A selection committee is comprised of members of the St. Mary's Foundation board of directors and administrative staff. Applications will be screened for eligibility prior to being reviewed by the selection committee.

How Do I Apply?

Application forms for the Sister Mary Jean Ryan, Lincoln University Nursing Scholarship are available upon request from the Lincoln University Department of Nursing Science and St. Mary's Foundation, 573-681-3742.

NOTE: *It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all parts of the application are properly completed and delivered by the deadline date. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.***

Completed application should be sent to:

***Tori Baker
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2505 Mission Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109***

For More Information:

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