



## WISCONSIN NURSING HOME SOCIAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

### **WNHSPA CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY:**

The WNHSPA was founded in 1978 by a group of concerned Social Workers from throughout the state. At the time of the formation of the group the primary concerns were that there was an organization which would; facilitate quality Social Work services being provided to the long term care residents in Nursing Homes, provide input in governmental decisions regarding Nursing Home Social Services, and provide input as to the educational and experience qualifications for those serving as Social Workers in Nursing Homes.

Since that time the Association has evolved as the role of the Nursing Home Social Worker has evolved. The current purpose of our Association is;

1. To promote the profession of Social Work.
2. To promote quality delivery of Social Services to long term care residents, families and staff.
3. To preserve the high standards of the practice of social work in long term care.
4. Provide education and resource information to professionals providing social services in long term care settings.
5. Develop a liaison with legislators and other agencies involved with long term care issues
6. Work with Universities and Colleges in promoting social work education in long term care facilities.
7. Ensure all residents/clients/customers regardless of color, creed, sex, financial status, age or ability are treated with dignity and have the opportunity to meet challenges and enjoy the gift of life for the full measure of their days.

In 1985, the Wisconsin Nursing Home Social Workers Association Board discussed the feasibility of offering one or more 1-year scholarships to full-time or part-time students. These scholarships could be awarded to: (1) Students studying for a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work (2) Someone working on a Master's Degree in Social Work or (3) Someone already in the field of Social Work who wishes to take additional courses to increase his/her qualifications.

In 1990, the Board established the Sister Veronica Carroll Memorial Scholarship. Sister Veronica Carroll was an inspiration to Social Workers in long term care and was a very active member and past President of WNHSPA.

### **CRITERIA**

1) A student must:

- A) Be a resident of Wisconsin who plans to work with the elderly or disabled as a Social Worker in long term care in Wisconsin.
- B) Present his/her official academic transcripts.
- C) Present a goal statement as to why he/she wishes to be a Social Worker and work with

the elderly or disabled in long term care.

D) Submit two or more letters of recommendation.

**ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ONE ENVELOPE**

- 2) The Continuing Education Scholarship Committee will be composed of both WNHSWA members and Non-Board members. This Committee will review the scholarship applications and make recommendations to the Board.
- 3) The WNHSWA Board will make the final selection of who will be awarded the scholarships.
- 4) The Sister Veronica Carroll Scholarship is worth \$1,000 and other amounts will be awarded depending on the number of applicants. In 2020 \$1,000 in scholarships was awarded to applicants.
- 5) The WNHSWA membership will be kept informed of who the recipients of the scholarships are via the website at [www.wnhsa.org](http://www.wnhsa.org).



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## CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please print all information:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Review the accompanying criteria and forward this application and all appropriate Documents to:

Tena Seipel  
WNHSPA  
P.O. Box 107  
Pepin, WI 54759  
715-781-3216

### **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE DATE:**

This scholarship is for students who will be registering for 2021 Fall semester classes. The application and all supporting documentation must be sent in one envelope together to the above address postmarked no later than June 30, 2021.