



CENTRAL MESABI

Medical Foundation

2026 Svigel Triplets Nursing Scholarship

The Svigel Triplets Nursing Scholarship was established in 2021 to honor the first triplets born at the Hibbing General Hospital on May 1, 1953. Hilda & John Svigel of Chisholm were the proud parents of James, Jerald, and Joyce. The premature babies had a difficult start. Joyce and Jerald survived only a few days. James, the sole survivor, has been a long-time resident of Chisholm, a graduate of Hibbing High School and employed by the Duluth Lighthouse of the Blind and MDI of Hibbing.

This scholarship is established by and funded through the generous support of Elaine Svigel Dunda and Stefan Dunda to honor Elaine's parents and siblings.

Scholarship Award:

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an eligible student enrolled in an accredited Bachelor of Nursing Program. The scholarship will be awarded in the second semester of study, or in the second or subsequent year(s) to a student who demonstrates successful progress in the program.

Eligibility criteria:

1. Applicants must be pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing degree and provide confirmation of acceptance to an accredited Bachelor of Nursing program.
2. Applicants must demonstrate successful completion of the second semester at the minimum, or the second or subsequent year(s) of study.
3. Applicants must be in good academic standing with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher.
4. Applicants must possess personal characteristics of leadership, dependability and compassion. They must be hard working, goal-oriented, focused, motivated and committed to service for others.
5. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Priority will be given to students who are not receiving scholarships from other sources.
6. First preference will be given to applicants who are graduates of Chisholm High School or reside in Chisholm. If there are no qualified applicants meeting this criteria, consideration will be given to students from Buhl, Kinney, Mountain Iron, Nashwauk or Keewatin.
7. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to return to the Iron Range to work.

Application Process:

- **Letters of Recommendation:** Please submit two (2) written letters of recommendation with your application, with one from a current instructor.
- **Transcripts:** A copy of the applicant's most recent transcript must accompany the application.
- **One Essay:** Tell us about yourself and why you are interested in pursuing a career in Nursing.



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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip: _____

Email address: _____

High School graduated from: _____

College/University you are or will be attending: _____

GPA: _____ Semester/Year in School: _____

List other financial aid you are receiving for your education: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please respond to the following on a separate sheet:

1. Describe your career goals and aspirations.
2. Describe an experience that impacted your decision to pursue nursing as a career.
3. Financial need is a requisite for the scholarship. Describe need for the grant.
4. Upon completion of your professional degree, what goals do you hope to accomplish in the next five years?
5. Describe your volunteer or community involvement.
6. Other activities/accomplishments/recognitions not mentioned in your application that you feel the scholarship committee should consider.
7. Preference is given to applicants who intend to remain on the Iron Range upon receiving their degree. Please comment on your future plans to serve this area.

Applications must be postmarked or received by May 15, 2026

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