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(Shown in photo: Anita Kroeker)
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[APPLY NOW for 2018 RPNF SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

Applications for the annual scholarships awarded by the RPNF will close on **January 15, 2018**

National Scholarships ([Click here](#)):

John Alex Crawford Scholarship – awarded to a RPN in Canada enrolled in a Masters or Doctoral program.

Annette Thorimbert Osted Scholarship – awarded to a 3rd or 4th year student enrolled in a baccalaureate program in psychiatric nursing in Canada, with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

McCormick/Henry Scholarship: awarded to a RPN in Canada who is taking further studies in seniors' mental health at the graduate level (MA or PhD) or through an accredited certificate program. (New in 2016).

Manitoba based scholarships ([Click here](#)):

Alf Barnett Scholarship – awarded to a RPN enrolled in a Masters or Doctoral program.

John Kellie Scholarship – awarded to a 3rd year student in the baccalaureate program at Brandon University with a minimum GPA of 3.0

Kay Armstrong Scholarship - awarded to a 4th year student in the baccalaureate program at Brandon University, with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Marlene Fitzsimmons Scholarship – awarded to a RPN presenting a paper at a conference or enrolled in a certificate program. *(This may be applied for at any time during the year)*



2017 AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

RECEPTION - MAY 11, 2017 - VISCOUNT GORT - WINNIPEG

The 2017 Scholarships were presented at the RPNF Award Reception on May 11, 2017. Scholarships are funded through donations and other fundraising initiatives. Since 2014, family members for whom some of the scholarships were named have been invited to participate in the handing out of the scholarships. This is one way to honour the profession's past while supporting those who are participating in its future.



The 2017 Scholarship Committee was led by the co-chairs Dr. Beverley Hicks and Pat Viskup. Pat served as emcee and introduced each of the presenters and scholarship recipients during the reception.



Dr. Hicks continues as Co-Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

**THANK
YOU**



The Board extends appreciation to Pat Viskup, who has now completed her term with the RPNF Board.



RPNF SCHOLARSHIPS

RPNF scholarships promote academic excellence in both undergraduate studies within an approved psychiatric nursing education program, and with further psychiatric nursing education at the masters and doctoral levels.

- Scholarships are awarded annually at the RPNF AGM;
- Scholarships are awarded based on the academic and scholarly work of the applicant;
- Financial need is NOT considered in the criteria;
- 3 scholarships are currently available nationally (*Crawford, Osted, and McCormick/Henry*);
- 4 provincial scholarships are available within Manitoba (*Kelly, Barnett, Armstrong and Fitzsimmons*);
- 3 are undergrad scholarships (*Osted, Kellie, and Armstrong*);
- The undergraduate awards are limited students preparing to become Registered Psychiatric Nurses in an approved undergraduate psychiatric nursing education program;
- 3 graduate awards are available to RPNs who are pursuing a Masters or PhD (*Crawford, Barnett, and McCormick/Henry*);
- 2 awards may be used by RPNs for continued certificate studies (*Fitzsimmons, and McCormick/Henry*);
- 1 award is reserved for continuing studies in the area of Seniors Mental Health (*McCormick/Henry*);
- 1 award can be used to support an RPN who is presenting or has presented a paper at a conference (*Fitzsimmons*).



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kay Armstrong Scholarship - (Provincial)

Kay Armstrong was a long time psychiatric nursing educator at Brandon Centre for Psychiatric Nursing Education. She was a strong advocate of higher education for psychiatric nurses. This scholarship is awarded to a 4th year student in the baccalaureate program at Brandon University, with a minimum GPA of 3.0.



There were two outstanding applicants in 2017 and as there were no qualified applicants for some national awards, two \$500 Kay Armstrong Scholarships were awarded.

The presentation was made by Kay's son, Glenn Armstrong to Cyril Matthew Parrenas and to Nicole Duseigne.

John Kellie Scholarship - (Provincial)

John Kellie was a psychiatric nursing educator at the Portage la Prairie School of Psychiatric Nursing. He contributed to the development of standards of psychiatric nursing education and practice and was an advocate for psychiatric nursing education.

The scholarship is for a 3rd year baccalaureate student with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the Brandon University program.

John's son, Richard Kelly, presented the RPNF Scholarship that bears his father's name to Katherine Whitbread.



Applying for 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS



[Applicant Responsibilities \(Link\)](#)

The RPNF Scholarships are awarded on the basis of excellence of scholarly work.

- For the student awards this means your GPA as well as your ability to articulate in a clear and well written piece your goals and aspirations.
- For the graduate scholarships this means the way in which you identify the goals of your study, the significant literature related to your study and the expected outcomes.

Please remember:

- Application must be accompanied by Official Transcripts and Letters.
- All supporting documents must be submitted in PDF format.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is submitted **prior to January 15, 2017** with the appropriate documentation.
- Late, inadequately documented, or incomplete applications **will not** be considered.

Applications for the annual scholarships close on **January 15, 2017**
RPNF website: www.rpnf.ca

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Please notify the RPNF immediately of difficulties using the on-line application.



Marlene Fitzsimmons Scholarship - (Provincial)

Marlene Fitzsimmons was a longtime leader in clinical practice at Brandon Mental Health Centre and in the community psychosocial rehabilitation program. She was the founder and first president of the RPNF and continues to be active in the Foundation. She was the first Registered Psychiatric Nurse to receive an honorary degree from a Canadian university (Brandon University). This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a RPN who is enrolled in a relevant certificate course or, who is presenting at a local, national, or international conference and can be applied for at any time during the year.



This year's recipient, **Jane Karpa** was unable to attend as she was presenting at an international psychiatric nursing conference in Malta.

Marlene Fitzsimmons presented the award to one of Jane's students, Anita Kroeker, who accepted and shared some words on Jane's behalf.



John Crawford Scholarship - (National)

John Crawford was a national leader in psychiatric nursing who was dedicated to high professional and educational standards. He helped establish the first standards of psychiatric nursing practice in Canada. This scholarship is awarded to a graduate psychiatric nurse, registered in Canada who is pursuing relevant studies at a masters or doctoral level. Unfortunately there were **no qualified applicants** for this \$1000 scholarship this year.

News from the RPNF Board of Directors

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation Inc. is governed by a volunteer board of directors. Directors may be RPN's or members of the public with an interest in the goals and objectives of the Foundation. Meetings are held monthly from September to June via teleconference, with one face to face meeting in addition to the annual meeting held each May. Approved at the Annual General Meeting held May 11, 2017, the new Board of Directors met on May 30, 2017 and selected the following officers for the 2017/2018 term of office.

President:

- Bonny Wynnobel

Vice-President:

- Marg Synyshyn

Secretary/Treasurer:

- Darlene Henry

Scholarships:

- Dr. Beverley Hicks;
- Amy Martiniuk;
- Ryan Greenham

Awards:

- Tanya Denys;
- Mallory Schmitz

Fundraising:

- Bev Gradidge;
- Karen Street

Communications:

- Darlene Henry;
- Linda Earl;

Board Resource:

- Richard Stephanyshen

Past President (non-voting):

- Dr. Annette Thorimbert-Osted

Watch for Board of Director profiles in a future edition of "Your RPNF News".



Alf Barnett Scholarship - (Provincial)

Alf Barnett was a visionary who led the psychiatric nurses to gain their first legislation in Manitoba in 1960 and he was the first president of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Manitoba, precursor to the College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Manitoba. The scholarship is awarded to a psychiatric nurse, registered in Manitoba who is pursuing relevant studies at a masters or doctoral level. The value is \$1000.



Bonny Wynnobel (RPNF) presented to Candice Waddell, RPN.

McCormick/Henry Scholarship.

Darlene Henry's psychiatric nursing career was dedicated to caring for seniors with mental health challenges/illnesses. She and her family established this scholarship to assist RPNs to further their education in this area of practice. The McCormick/Henry Scholarship is awarded to a Registered Psychiatric Nurse in Canada who is taking further studies in seniors' mental health at the graduate level (MA or PhD) or through an accredited certificate program. This \$1000 scholarship was not awarded this year as there were no applicants.

RPNF attracts and manages gifts from donors through a permanent endowment fund.

RPNF Committees

Executive Committee - RPNF Board

In accordance with the Bi-laws, Policies, and Terms of Reference, the Executive schedules board meetings, identifies signing officers and addresses any urgent business in between board meetings. Email: info@rpnf.ca

Scholarship Committee (Manitoba)

Calls for, receives and reviews applications for scholarships available within Manitoba and recommends the respective recipients of the Alf Barnett, Kay Armstrong, John Kellie and Marlene Fitzsimmons Scholarships to the Board. Email: scholarship@rpnf.ca

Scholarship Committee (National)

Calls for, receives and reviews applications for the national scholarships and makes recommendations to the Board for the respective recipients of the John Crawford, Annette Osted, and McCormick – Henry Scholarships. Email: scholarship@rpnf.ca

Awards of Excellence Committee

Calls for, receives and reviews nominations and recommends the Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice Awards in four domains: Education, Clinical, Leadership and Research to the Board. Email: awards@rpnf.ca

Communication Committee

Monitors and updates all written promotional materials as well as the RPNF website, Facebook, Twitter, Email and Your RPNF News. Email: info@rpnf.ca

Fundraising Committee

Plans for and coordinates fundraising strategies, processes and activities which fund the Scholarship program and operations of the Foundation. Email: info@rpnf.ca

Do you or someone you know have skills/abilities in the area of fundraising or media communications? Can you assist in the growth of the foundation? We need you!



Annette Thorimbert Osted Scholarship.

Annette Osted was the longest serving Executive Director of a psychiatric nursing association/college in Canada, as executive director in Manitoba and as a board member of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada she was a powerful advocate for psychiatric nursing education and practice at the national and international levels. This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a 3rd or 4th year student enrolled in a baccalaureate psychiatric nursing education program in Canada. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

There were two outstanding applicants who were awarded this scholarship, since the other two National scholarships were not awarded.



Annette Thorimbert Osted presented the Foundation scholarship to recipients Nicole Duseigne and Cyril Matthew Parrenas.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS OF THE
2017 RPNF SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you everyone who donates to the RPNF using the debit plan. Your donations fund the Scholarships and Awards

The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation Inc. (RPNF)

is incorporated under the Manitoba Corporations Act and has its charitable status from the Canada Revenue Agency. The RPNF's mission is to promote excellence in psychiatric nursing education, clinical practice, leadership and research. Donations to the RPNF are tax deductible and contribute to an "enduring fund in perpetuity", which will secure the Foundation's future as well as continue to fund the Scholarships and Awards of Excellence.

You can contribute to "Your RPNF News"!

We invite you to be part of "Your RPNF" Newsletter and to submit ideas about what information or updates you would like to see in future editions. If you can assist in the growth of the foundation - **we need you!** Please contact us at info@rpnf.ca

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RPNF Vision: "to enhance the profession of psychiatric nursing in Canada".