

# The Edna A. Lauterbach Scholarship Fund Application

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The scholarship was established in memory of Edna Lauterbach, RN, former President of Competent Care, Inc. and American Care, Inc. of Newburgh, New York. The fund is sponsored by Community Health Care Services Foundation, Inc. (CHC), an affiliate of the New York State Association of Health Care Providers, Inc. (HCP).

Ms. Lauterbach was involved in home care for over 25 years and was a founding board member of CHC and former Chair of HCP.

A graduate of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Brooklyn, Ms. Lauterbach understood the critical role caregivers play in people's lives. While a young mother, she left her position as a hospital nurse to form her own nursing registry. She expanded her business to include a licensed home care services agency, a certified home health agency, and a long term home health care program. Later, under her leadership as Chair of the Board, HCP established a visible presence in the State capital and became a significant, respected policy-making voice for the industry. Memorable in character and remarkable in integrity, she was mourned after her death in 1998 in a New York State Senate resolution for her "sincere dedication and substantial contribution to health care throughout New York State."

Ms. Lauterbach believed nurses were critical to home care and she encouraged young people to pursue a career in home care through the nursing profession. She also believed her limited formal business education created career challenges for which she was unprepared. She frequently aided other entrepreneurial-minded individuals who faced similar frustrations in pursuing their dreams.

In that spirit, her colleagues created the Edna A. Lauterbach Scholarship Fund, open to all New York nurses seeking to enhance their nursing or business management skills through education.

## The Community Foundation

The Community Foundation for the Capital Region is an independent, non-profit, publicly-supported, tax-exempt organization that meets the needs of Capital Region educational, health, cultural, civic, and charitable organizations. The Foundation's purpose is to improve the overall quality of life in the Capital Region.

The Foundation administers several charitable funds. Recognizing the importance of scholarships, especially with decreasing education dollars at the federal level and increasing costs for students, the Foundation is pleased to administer the Edna A. Lauterbach Scholarship Fund.

## Candidate Eligibility Requirements:

1. Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse developing a home or community-based care business.
2. Reside in New York State.
3. Plan for or engaged in an entrepreneurial venture utilizing nursing or related home and community-based services.
4. Show that proposed class/training will improve candidate's ability to manage their organization or venture.
5. Demonstrated financial need.

## Selection Process:

1. The Community Foundation shares applications with an HCP committee which reviews applications and selects recipients based on qualifications.
2. Awards will be announced at HCP's Annual Meeting in the fall.

## Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

1. Number and size of scholarships vary based on applications submitted.
2. Recipient is required to submit a letter to The Community Foundation for the Capital Region at the end of the funded program describing the effect the class/training had on the recipient's business.
3. Payments are made directly to the college or university in which recipient is enrolled. If recipient attends another type of institution (i.e., computer training company), recipient will be reimbursed the scholarship amount after submitting a paid receipt.

## Application Procedures:

1. Scholarship will be publicized through publications, special meetings, Chapters of the New York State Association of Health Care Providers, Community Health Care Services Foundation, Inc. (CHC), and other affiliated organizations.
2. **Completed applications must be received by June 1.**
3. Completed applications should be submitted to: **The Edna A. Lauterbach Scholarship Fund, c/o The Community Foundation for the Capital Region, Six Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203, (518) 446-9638**

