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Franklin County Commissioners to Offer Nursing Education Scholarships

January 10, 2017 - CHAMBERSBURG, PA — At their public meeting today, the Franklin County Commissioners unanimously voted to create a Nursing Education Scholarship Program. The goal of the program is to provide \$2,500 scholarships to high school students who plan to pursue a degree in nursing and who are in need of financial assistance.

“The need for licensed nurses was highlighted during the time that we had oversight of the Falling Spring Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (FSNRC). When we sold the nursing home, we decided to earmark \$200,000 from the proceeds of the sale to establish this program,” said Commissioner and Board Chairman Dave Keller.

“Even though we are no longer running a healthcare facility, we understand that there is still a critical need for high quality nursing care in Franklin County,” said Commissioner Bob Thomas.

“I am pleased that some of the nursing home sale proceeds will help Franklin County nursing students achieve their goal,” said Commissioner Bob Ziobrowski.

Seniors attending any of the high schools throughout Franklin County are eligible to apply for this one-year scholarship. Official acceptance into an accredited Associate's or Bachelor's degree nursing program is required. Students can contact their Guidance Office for more information.

The application process will open mid-January. A committee of local healthcare professionals and County representatives will select approximately six scholarship recipients each year. Winners will be announced during their school district's scholarship ceremony. Interested students can contact the Franklin County Human Resources Department by calling (717) 261-3150 or emailing hr@franklincountypa.gov.

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