

2024 Debra Kay Pehrson Scholarship Award

ANNOUNCEMENT

The First Congregational Church of Bellingham United Church of Christ is pleased to offer a Health and Wellness Scholarship in honor of Debra Kay Pehrson, who served this community as a dedicated nurse. The \$2,500 yearly scholarship was established by her mother, Arvie Pehrson to support individuals in our congregation who have chosen to pursue a career in healthcare.

The four criteria for this award are:

- A close relationship with the First Congregational Church of Bellingham
- Enrolled (or acceptance in) a health related professional program
- Pursuing advanced education – preferably, a junior or senior in college or beyond
- Evidence of (current and/or previous) successful academic performance.

APPLICATION

The application process begins with submission of the following application documents to the First Congregational Church office:

- Cover letter stating your qualifications (based on the four criteria listed above).
- Evidence of enrollment (or acceptance) in advanced health-related education.
- Evidence of successful academic performance (unofficial transcript and/or descriptive faculty letters).
- *Optional documents* (not required to be considered for the scholarship) that may help the committee in the selection are: resume and /or professional references.

APPLICATION DATES

The application process is open now through **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Board of Trustees has appointed the Called to Care Team to select scholarship recipients.

AWARD

In the judgement of the selection committee, the applicant who **best meets** the four criteria will be awarded the scholarship. If no applicant meets the four criteria completely, no award will be made. An announcement of any awardee will be shared with the congregation.