Dr. W. Mark Coppage Nursing Scholarship

Mark Coppage, M.D. died on March 3, 1989, in an automobile accident in Florida. Although the years have continued to roll by, the DeKalb Medical community in which he practiced, and to which he gave so much of his energy and spirit, still keenly feels his absence. The difference that Dr. Coppage made in this community is legendary. He gave without boundary of his time, talent, resources and love. Each person who touched his life felt enriched and inspired. The years have not dimmed his remarkable impact or erased the void created by his untimely death.

An anonymous donor established the Dr. W. Mark Coppage Nursing Scholarship Fund to sustain his memory and the remarkable principles for which he stood. Since this scholarship was established in 1993, 160 scholarships have been given, totaling over $360,000. This scholarship program is open to individuals who represent some of those outstanding human qualities for which Dr. Coppage was so well known. An applicant should fill out the Coppage Application and address the following topics in (single-sided) essay form:

1. Discuss your commitment to making a difference in your community and your concern for humanity as evidenced by your acts of caring for others.

2. Discuss how you see your ability to balance a medical, academic model of learning while still stressing the compassionate nature of medicine.

3. Discuss how you see yourself as a leader.

4. Discuss the attributes you possess that resemble the qualities exemplified by Dr. Coppage.

This scholarship will provide funding payable to the nursing school chosen by the recipient. The funds do not have to be re-paid. Individuals actively enrolled in a nursing program for initial licensure are encouraged to apply for this scholarship by submitting a letter addressing the four points listed above to:

Applications should be directed to:

W. Mark Coppage Scholarship Committee
c/o Elisabeth Nark
DeKalb Medical Foundation & Volunteer Services

Mailing Address:
2701 North Decatur Road
Decatur, GA 30033

Physical Address:
2675 North Decatur Road, Suite G-05
Decatur, GA 30033

Application Deadline: Must be received by, or post-dated, Monday, September 15, 2014.

Note: To be considered for this scholarship, you must be available to interview, in Atlanta, on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.
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Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________

City __________________ State ______ Zip ______ Cell Phone _____________

Email ____________________________

Nursing School ____________________________

Present Standing (1st, 2nd year, etc.) ____________________________

GPA __________ Number of Hours Completed _____________

Anticipated Graduation Date _____________

Employer ____________________________

Length of employment ___________ Job Title ____________________________

Reference ____________________________ Phone __________________

Attach a narrative that addresses the following questions:

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