

Iowa Nurses Foundation Awards Three Scholarships

THE IOWA NURSES FOUNDATION (INF) proudly awarded scholarships to three outstanding nurses at the Annual Conference Awards Ceremony on Monday, October 21. The annual INF and the Mike Anderson Memorial Fund Scholarships are a testament to the INF's mission to advance professional nursing in Iowa by supporting the education and development of future nurses.

Two recipients received the INA Scholarship this year, Alicia Abboud and Misty Brooks. Alicia, a transplant coordinator for patients awaiting or recovering from a heart transplant, is passionate about adult critical care and cardiology and plans to advance her education. She is committed to pursuing preparation to become a nurse practitioner, with the specific goal of expanding access to high-quality healthcare for rural Iowans.

Misty Brooks is currently pursuing a DNP at the University of Iowa, with a specialization in Nursing Systems Administration. For the past three years, she has served as the inaugural Leader in Residence at the Csomay Center for Gerontological Excellence. Misty states that her experience at the Csomay Center, particularly in developing programs aimed at nurturing future nurse leaders, has ignited a profound passion within her to become a state and national leader in professional development within the nursing field.

This year's Mike Anderson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Olivia Gardner. Olivia is an undergraduate nursing student at the University of Iowa College of Nursing. She is currently employed as a CNA and greatly values the abundant opportunities to get hands-on experience serving those in her community. Olivia plans to return to her hometown to practice as a registered nurse after completing her education at the University of Iowa. She plans to work as a specialty nurse practitioner in the realm of cardiology and provide services in outreach clinics in rural Iowa.

Invest In the Future of Nursing

Your generous contribution to the Iowa Nurses Foundation has the potential to transform the lives of countless Iowans. By supporting the foundation, you help provide individuals with the opportunity to become nurses, continue their education, or pursue groundbreaking research in the nursing field.

Donations to the Iowa Nurses Foundation are directly used to fund scholarships and loans for students at all stages of their registered nurse education. In addition, the foundation supports nursing research initiatives and facilitates attendance at continuing education programs, ensuring that nurses have access to the resources they need to advance in their careers and enhance patient care. Your gift is an investment in the future of nursing and healthcare in Iowa.

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Scholarship Opportunities

The Iowa Nurses Foundation Scholarships promote professional nursing in Iowa by supporting the continued education of future nurse leaders. Scholarship recipients will articulate a commitment to educational accomplishment and professional goals to enhance the delivery of quality health care in Iowa through practice, research or teaching.

Applicants can be full or part-time students attending an approved program leading to an RN, BSN or MSN in Nursing, DNP, or a PhD in Nursing or a related field, such as education. [Visit our website](#) to learn more. ■