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New scholarships available for nursing degrees

Stephanie Nelson

A new scholarship program is available to those seeking a degree in license practical nursing at community colleges statewide.

The Alabama Nursing Home Association Education Foundation announced Monday that it will provide 44 scholarships to rising LPN students to ensure that more nurses are available to fill needed positions.

Sal.Lee Sasser, ANHAEF board member and owner of Andalusia Manor and Savannah Terrace, said the scholarships will provide much needed funds to the people who need it the most.

"Statewide, we have an LPN shortage for most of the rural areas - like Covington County," Sasser said. "We look at our LPNs that are going into school now, and they have trouble with high rise gas prices. Most of them are single moms, with more than two children.

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"They've got expenses like day care, school and are busy doing all the things that a single mom would do," she said. "On top of that, they have to worry about how they're going to pay for school. These scholarships are a way for long term care facilities, who know exactly what our LPNs give to us every day - this is our way of giving a little back to them."

Each of the 22 two-year schools that offers LPN training will receive two \$1,000 scholarships each year from the Alabama Nursing Home Association Education Foundation.

"And that does include Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, so that means that two people from this county are going to get these scholarships," Sasser said. "This is a



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big plus for them and for (those who utilize nursing services in the county). LBWCC is where we get the majority of our nurses."

To be eligible, students must have completed one semester of the LPN program with a GPA of at least 2.5 and be enrolled for the next semester. They must also do some of their clinical work in long-term care.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the dean of the school of nursing, Sasser said.

"Since Monday, I've talked with the secretary of (ANHEF) board," she said. "They have had numerous phone calls and e-mails from interested people. For those in Covington County who want to apply, all they have to do is contact the school's dean of nursing. It's that easy."

For more information on applying for these scholarships, contact Monica Cauley at 493-5375.

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