



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FROM WESTMINSTER AND THE MARTHA C. GOODING FOUNDATION FOR COMPASSIONATE NURSING

**Background:** Geriatric/gerontological nursing continues to be an area of care with significant needs and opportunities given our increasing senior population.

Westminster is an award-winning senior living community in Austin providing various living options and other amenities to its senior residents, as well as state-of-the-art on-site healthcare. As a non-profit serving the Austin senior community for 55 years, Westminster has a wide range of supervisory and direct patient care opportunities for nurses at its skilled healthcare facility.

The Martha C. Gooding Foundation for Compassionate Nursing is a non-profit organization established to honor UT School of Nursing ("UTSON") graduate Martha Gooding and her long career in critical care nursing, through the funding of nursing scholarships for students committed to providing patient-focused compassionate nursing care. The Foundation has funded over 50 nursing scholarships in its nine years. Together with Westminster, The Martha C. Gooding Foundation is making this \$2,500.00 scholarship for the 2023-24 school year available for a UTSON undergraduate or graduate student having an interest in geriatric/gerontological nursing.

**Purpose:** To promote patient-centered compassionate geriatric/gerontological nursing care by providing financial assistance to a student pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree and having an interest in providing quality healthcare to our senior population.

**Amount:** One \$2,500.00 scholarship disbursed over two semesters.

### Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

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Degree Program and Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**Selection Criteria:** Westminster and The Martha C. Gooding Foundation will jointly select one UTSON student to receive a \$2,500.00 scholarship based on brief (no more than 250 words each) responses to the following questions:

- (1) Explain why patient-focused compassionate nursing is especially important in caring for aging patients;
- (2) Why do you have an interest in geriatric nursing care for our senior population?
- (3) What do you see yourself doing in 10 years?

As an applicant and possible recipient, please check if you agree to the following:

- I understand that my scholarship assistance from the Martha C. Gooding Foundation for Compassionate Nursing is only for this semester in which I am taking nursing courses and only if my grades are acceptable. I further understand that my scholarship is subject to termination if I do not promptly provide registration receipts showing courses, fee and final grades to satisfy my proper use of my scholarship.
- I am submitting this application because of my commitment to a career in nursing. In order to keep faith with the many people who have made this scholarship fund available, I agree to refund, if possible, the funds granted to me if I withdraw from UT Austin School of Nursing for any reason.
- I hereby give my permission for the Martha C. Gooding Foundation for Compassionate Nursing to use my written words and photographs.

Submit completed application by August 28, 2023 to:

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Or to:

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