

**SLADEK NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS and
CRITICAL MEDICAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**APPLICATION INFORMATION
ACADEMIC YEAR 2004 - 2005**

The Sladek Nursing Fund is the result of a generous bequest from the family of Dr. Edward and Elizabeth Sladek. In their will, the Sladek family directed that a sum be set-aside in a "special fund for the granting of financial assistance to students who are completing requirements for a career in nursing." The Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation has determined that the proceeds from the investment of that sum be available to students who meet specific criteria, at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

This year we have additional scholarship funds to allocate for critical medical careers. The careers for FY05 include: Physical Therapists (new this year), Radiological Techs, Respiratory Therapists and Surgical Techs.

Individuals who are currently students or who have recently been accepted into an accredited nursing program or a critical medical area program are encouraged to submit applications to the Committee. Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- The individual's course of study meets a need identified by Munson Healthcare.
- The individual has demonstrated academic success.
- The individual agrees to seek employment or to continue practice at a Munson Healthcare facility, upon completion of the education program, for not less than the length of time of the support.
- All applicants are required to provide a letter of recommendation with their application. **Munson Healthcare employees are required to provide a letter of recommendation from their manager or director**, that supports the individual's request for financial assistance. **Applicants that are not currently employed by Munson Healthcare, are required to provide a letter of recommendation from their employer, school counselor, or a community member**, that supports the individual's request for financial assistance.

Funds may be requested for **tuition, fees, and books** and will be dispensed at the beginning, midpoint or end of the term upon documentation. Failure to submit documentation will result in forfeiture of the payment. If the individual is not academically successful, they do not qualify for this grant. Academic success is defined as a minimum GPA of 2.75 for undergraduate students; and 3.2 GPA for graduate students. A copy of each term's transcript will be required.

Should the individual decide not to return to employment as described in the application, the awarded sum will be repaid to the Foundation over a period defined by the Foundation.

The scholarship application for both areas is attached. Interested individuals are encouraged to fill out the application, ensuring that a letter of recommendation has been included in support of the application. Completed applications are due in the

Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation Office,
1105 Sixth Street,
Traverse City, MI 49684-2386,

no later than Friday, **April 16, 2004**. All applicants will be notified by June 30, 2004, of the Selection Committee's decision.