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## **CHI St. Joseph's Health now taking scholarship applications**

PARK RAPIDS, MN (February 6, 2017) – Maintaining and recruiting a professional medical workforce is a high priority at CHI St. Joseph's Health. Its scholarship program enhances efforts to remain vital as a quality healthcare facility now and in the future.

Area graduating seniors and post-secondary students (second year post-secondary or beyond) who are considering a health care career, especially those with a strong desire to return to a rural healthcare facility, are encouraged to apply for scholarships provided through CHI St. Joseph's Health Foundation.

Several scholarship options are available.

Graduating high school seniors from the communities of Park Rapids, Nevis, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, Laporte, Menahga and Sebeka can apply for CHI St. Joseph's Health \$1,000 scholarship and/or the CHI St. Joseph's Health/Brian Koria \$750 scholarship. One or more awards will be made in these categories.

One, \$500 CHI St. Joseph's Health/Laurie Hohnstadt scholarship is available to a graduating Park Rapids school district high school senior pursuing a degree as a registered nurse.

Area graduates from all area schools listed above entering their second year or beyond of post-secondary education are encouraged to apply for CHI St. Joseph's Health 2<sup>nd</sup> Year or Beyond \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to one or more students.

Application forms are available through your high school guidance counselor or by downloading from CHI St. Joseph's Health website at [www.CHISJH.org](http://www.CHISJH.org).

Applications explain eligibility requirements, application requirements and selection process.

All applications must be postmarked and received by Friday, April 7. Please return applications to Sonja Day, CHI St. Joseph's Health Scholarship Committee Chair at CHI St. Joseph's Health, 600 Pleasant Avenue, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

CHI St. Joseph's Health scholarships are funded, in part, through generous donations from the community, CHI St. Joseph's Health employees, memorial scholarship funds from family and friends of Laurie Hohnstadt and Brian Korja and with proceeds from CHI St. Joseph's Health annual Foundation Golf Benefit.

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**About CHI St. Joseph's Health**

*CHI St. Joseph's Health is a 25-bed critical access hospital serving communities in Hubbard, Becker, Cass and Wadena Counties since 1946. In recent years, CHI St. Joseph's Health's award-winning teams received several national honors including: The Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in surgery; Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, HealthStrong; WomenCertified's America's Best Hospitals Women's Choice Award in obstetrics; and the Studer Group Fire Starter Healthcare Organization of the Month among other national, regional and state recognitions.*

**About CHI**

*St. Joseph Hospital is part of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national nonprofit health system based in Englewood, Colorado. The faith-based system operates in 18 states and includes 103 hospitals, as well as long-term care, assisted- and residential living communities; community health services organizations; home health agencies and outpatient facilities and services. In fiscal year 2016, CHI provided more than \$1.1 billion in financial assistance and community benefit. CHI generated operating revenues of \$15.9 billion and has total assets of approximately \$22.7 billion.*

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