

Bradley University - College of Education and Health Sciences
Graduate Studies

Nursing Graduate Students Only

THE JOSEPH S. AND HELEN M. KULPA ENDOWED NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

The Joseph S. and Helen M. Kulpa Endowed Nursing Scholarship was established in 1996 by Dr. Joan M. Kulpa, Professor of Nursing, Emeritus. A member of Bradley's Nursing faculty from 1973 until she retired in 1995, Dr. Joan M. Kulpa also served as Associate Dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences from 1993-95. The scholarship will be given out for the first time in 1997, Bradley's Centennial year.

"With a great deal of love and gratitude," Dr. Kulpa established this scholarship in memory of her parents, Helen M. and Joseph S. Kulpa. Both were first generation Polish-Americans, and as was the case with many young individuals from large immigrant families at the time, both completed grade school but neither completed high school. Even so, each was bilingual, speaking both English and Polish fluently. Avid readers, they realized the value of a good education and rewarded the academic successes of their six children. Joseph was born February 25, 1907, and died on April 17, 1990. Helen was born November 29, 1915, and died on June 13, 1991.

The scholarship recipient, thereafter known as a Joseph S. and Helen M. Kulpa Scholar, will receive a monetary award to be applied toward tuition. In addition, the recipient's name will be inscribed on a permanent plaque which will be prominently displayed and to which a new name shall be added annually.

The recipient of the award will be honored at the Spring Honors Program of the College of Education and Health Sciences. The scholarship award letter will be presented during the ceremony.

Selection of the recipient will be based on the following criteria:

1. The filing of an application form, which may be obtained in Room 203 of Westlake Hall or from your advisor.
2. A resume and a letter of general information and background must be submitted with the application, which indicates the student's involvement in professional activities, civic and social contributions to the community, a brief statement of the applicant's professional philosophy, and his/her goals and aspirations.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation. (Mail directly to Coordinator, EHS Graduate Studies by **January 15th**)

4. Applicant must:
 - a. Have an approved Program of Study.
 - b. Have completed at least 12 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
 - c. Be anticipating enrollment during the following summer and/or fall terms.

Note: Doctoral, specialist degree students and full-time Graduate Assistants are not eligible. Full- or part-time faculty members are not eligible. Part-time Graduate Assistants and part-time students are eligible. Students who already have financial aid including the Professional Educators Scholarship and Special Degree Completion Program are eligible. *Although, students who are receiving full tuition coverage from these or other programs are not eligible.*

The application, resume and letter of general information should be sent to the Coordinator, EHS Graduate Studies, College of Education and Health Sciences, Bradley University, Peoria, IL 61625. The letter should be written in a professional style and manner that best fits the applicant.

All applications for the Joseph S. and Helen M. Kulpa Award must be received on or **before 5:00 p.m. on January 15th**. A committee composed of members of the Graduate Studies Council will then evaluate each application and select the recipient.

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