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The Portage Health Foundation is a non-profit charitable foundation serving Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Located in Hancock, the Foundation receives and contributes charitable donations to support the health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration.

One of the Foundation's missions is to be a catalyst in promoting and improving the overall health of our communities through health education and research. Reinvesting money through educational scholarships is one way the Foundation believes it can positively affect the health of the region and its residents.

With an ever-increasing aging population, the Foundation recognizes the demand for more healthcare workers to provide quality access to care in order to meet the healthcare needs of rural communities.

Through health-oriented scholarships, the Foundation is eager to support more opportunities for students from the western U.P. to study the health sciences. Additionally, the Foundation hopes that someday those students will remain in or return to the Upper Peninsula as professionals and become partners in creating a healthier community.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- (1) origin of residence is from Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, or Ontonagon counties of Michigan (a student who graduated from Hancock Central High School is not eligible for the Portage Health Foundation scholarship at this time);
- (2) seek a degree in the health professions, which includes Nursing (BSN), Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) and Healthcare Management;
- (3) demonstrate extreme financial need as verified by the Financial Aid Office;
- (4) maintain at least a 2.5 GPA;
- (5) be a fulltime student;
- (6) attend two Portage Health Foundation community service events during each academic calendar year while recipient of the award (the Portage Health Foundation will monitor attendance);
- (7) Participate in communication efforts and marketing content that will include, but is not limited to photography, written correspondence and video.

- (8) submit a follow-up narrative report during the spring semester each year while recipient of the award where the student reflects on their career plans (the Portage Health Foundation will monitor report submission); and
- (9) submit a personal thank you letter to the Portage Health Foundation’s Executive Director and Board for funding the scholarship.

Selection Procedures:

Selection of the recipients will be determined by the standard collaborative administrative and scholarship committee processes at Finlandia University in coordination with the Deans of the College of Health Sciences and International School of Business where priority will be given to students previously awarded the Portage Health Foundation scholarship and where priority will also be made to select recipients who come from a variety of the area’s secondary schools. Non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

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**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY  
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**Applicant Information:**

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First Name M.I. Last Name

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Home Address: Street/P.O. Box City

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Address at School: Street/P.O. Box City  
(If different from home)

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Local Phone Number Email Address

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Major(s)/Minor(s)

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Class Year Expected Date of Graduation

Have you previously received this scholarship?  Yes, for the years: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

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