

# *The Catherine Christie Scholarship Fund*



The Catherine Christie Scholarship Fund is in loving memory of Catherine Christie, daughter of Robin Christie Ferruggia. Catherine was born with Rhett syndrome and often volunteered to allow students to learn about Rhett and see her g-button and gain experience in learning about her disease process, her seizure magnet, and overall care needs. Catherine is loved by the staff at The Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. and will always be a part of our school – Kimberley Kelly MSN BSN RN School Director

This scholarship is for the nurse aide program. The scholarship is for \$500.00 towards tuition for a nurse aide enrolled in the VNI nurse aide program. This scholarship is funded one time per year. The recipient will be notified by the email provided on their application.

Open applications: January 1- February 1 each year

Submit applications to: [kkelly@vni.edu](mailto:kkelly@vni.edu)

Awarding of scholarship: by the BOD of VNI

Announcement of awarding: March 10<sup>th</sup> of each year

All decisions by the BOD on the recipient are final

Eligibility requirements:

1. high school graduate (must provide copy of high school transcript / graduate certificate)
2. submission of written essay
3. enrollment in the VNI nurse aide program
4. GPA in high school may be a deciding factor if there is a tie between two candidates (high school transcript must be provided to verify GPA)
4. submission of application with typed essay between January 1 and February 1 by 12 noon

**THE VOCATIONAL NURSING INSTITUTE, INC.**  
**NURSE AIDE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(print clearly)

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

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

High School attended (provide a copy of graduation certificate and transcript)

Name of Highschool: \_\_\_\_\_

City of high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

Date of enrollment into the VNI Nurse Aide Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of submission of scholarship application: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay: Please submit a two-page typed essay outlining the following:

1. Why you have chosen to become a nurse aide
2. What brought you to this profession
3. How you will contribute to this chosen profession
4. Why you chose The Vocational Nursing Institute Inc. as the school to attend for this program
5. Please share what your long-term professional goals are, and
6. List three skills you believe are necessary to be a nursing assistant

Submit this essay along with the application to [kkelly@vni.edu](mailto:kkelly@vni.edu) between January 1 and February 1 by 12 noon to be considered for this scholarship.