

Joyce Kallstrom Memorial Scholarship

Minnesota Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC)



Joyce Kallstrom grew up in Marion, South Dakota and spent most of her early and then later years between Sioux Falls and Marion. In between those years she lived in Minneapolis to raise her family. At the age of 83, after battling COPD for many years, Joyce passed away. Joyce was lighthearted and always appreciated a good laugh, she was a tremendous fighter, a helpful friend to others and was the loving mother of four.

Joyce's battle with COPD was long and she was in the hospital several times. Joyce got to know, understand, and had respect for the role of the respiratory therapists who she always felt knew the most about her pulmonary care. Joyce was also the mother of a respiratory therapist.

Several years ago, Joyce's family established this scholarship award. The Kallstrom scholarship will be annually awarded to one graduating Respiratory Care Student in South Dakota and one in Minnesota. The American Respiratory Care Foundation through the establishment of the Joyce Kallstrom Memorial fund provides the funding to support this scholarship.

If chosen, the graduating student will receive \$750 and a one-year membership to the AARC. Deadline for applicants is March 1st.

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Applications for scholarship award must be accompanied by the following:

1. A short description (250 words or less) stating your academic and career goals. Also include any respiratory volunteering you have done as a student. Also include why did you choose respiratory therapy as a career?
2. A professionally written essay which should include the following components:
 - Describe a problem or struggle you have overcome and how that experience will or has made you a better respiratory therapist.
 - Think of a patient experience or a specific patient that stood out to you. How did this patient make you a better respiratory therapist?
 - How can we as a profession of respiratory therapists reduce the number of patients with COPD and work towards earlier diagnosis?
3. A letter from your program director or clinical faculty member attesting to your enrollment in an accredited respiratory program.
 - It should also include your GPA and expected graduation date.
4. Personal references are welcome. This should include at least one from your instructor as well as from other respiratory therapists you have worked with as a student.
5. A current copy of your College transcripts
6. A copy of your AARC membership card

All documents should be submitted to SDSRC or MSRC who will then submit to American Respiratory Care Foundation directed to Chrystal Leighton.

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