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## **Katie Ferraris Taylor Oncology Nursing Fund Award**

In recognition of the vital role of oncology nurses in improving the quality of life for patients and families who are undergoing cancer treatment, Emory Winship Cancer Institute and Emory University Hospital offer the Kate Ferraris Taylor Oncology Nursing Fund Award for eligible oncology nurses.



“Katie’s Fund” provides financial support for the professional development activities of at least one deserving Emory Winship Cancer Institute or Emory University Hospital oncology nurse per calendar year. Funds may be used to enable Emory Winship and Emory University Hospital oncology nurse(s) to attend national conferences, prepare for nurse practitioner certification, complete master’s degrees in nursing, participate in certification programs, etc.

This education fund honors the memory of Katie Ferraris Taylor, who lost her battle with leukemia on April 7, 2007. In lasting tribute to the special relationship Katie had with the oncology nursing staff of Emory, her family and friends established Katie’s Fund to create a permanent legacy honoring this exceptional young woman.

Garry Ferraris offered these eloquent words regarding his daughter’s approach to her illness: “She never became bitter over her failing health. She remained loving, funny, grateful, graceful, faithful and brave to the end.” Katie’s uplifting approach to life in the midst of unimaginable circumstances left an indelible mark on the nurses, physicians and staff who cared for her. We are humbled at Emory that Katie and her family chose to share her legacy in such a meaningful way.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent U.S. resident
- Provide (2) two letters of recommendation from qualified professionals citing examples of dedication to oncology nursing and professional development.
- Be a member of ONS
- Employed by EHC in oncology for a minimum of 2 years.
- Submit an essay of 500 words or less addressing the applicant’s statement of interest, education goals, and summary of personal dedication to the profession of oncology nursing.
- Complete the scholarship application cover sheet.
- If applying for college/university based educational support (BSN, Master’s degree, etc.)
  - Provide verification of enrollment in an accredited college/university .
  - Provide verification of a cumulative high school or college GPA of 2.75 or above.

Applicants must submit the attached application and the required verification documents to:  
Deena Gilland, RN, MSN, OCN, Director of Nursing, Emory Winship Cancer Institute, 1365-C Clifton Road, NE, Ste. C-2009, Atlanta, GA 30322.

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 1, 2009. Applicants will be notified of the committee decisions in writing after all the application documents are received and the scholarship committee has reviewed them and made final selections. This will be on or about February 1 2010. An award is no guarantee of future employment.



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## Katie Ferraris Taylor Oncology Nursing Fund Award 2010 Application Form General Information

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime/Cell Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Georgia resident? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Years of service as oncology nurse at Emory Winship Cancer Institute and/or Emory University Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the name of the conference, certificate program, etc. for which you would apply your Katie's Fund award. \*\* Please NOTE: If you seek support of a degree-based program, please see additional criteria in blue below.

Attach the following:

1. Two (2) letters of recommendation from qualified professionals citing examples of dedication to oncology nursing and professional development.
2. Verification of ONS membership
3. Essay of 500 words or less with statement of interest, education goals, and summary of personal dedication to the profession of oncology nursing.

If applying for college/university based educational support (BSN, Master's degree, etc.)

4. Verification of fulltime enrollment in an accredited college/university.
5. Verification of 2.75 or above cumulative high school or college GPA

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Name of college/university enrolled

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Degree Program                      Program Entry Date                      Anticipated Graduation Date

Please check (√) the applicable scholarship:

- Scholarship **RN** to **BSN** program with an interest in oncology nursing
- Scholarship **BSN** to **MSN** program with an interest in oncology nursing
- Scholarship **Doctorate** program with an interest in oncology nursing

Other than funding from this application, list any outside scholarships, grants, or loans expected this academic year:

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
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The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement on this application could be grounds for termination of the awarded scholarship. As a recipient of the Katie Ferraris Taylor Oncology Nursing Fund Award, I hereby give permission for Emory Winship Cancer Institute and Emory University Hospital to conduct a thorough background check regarding all information that is being released for my consideration.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_