

**“The Ann Brown Scholarship”
For Brookdale Ann Arbor Applicants
Granted By “The Panthera Edge Foundation”**

Background:

In the year 2030 those aged 65+ will reach 20% of our population (Houle, M.,C., (2015, September). An Aging Population, Without the Doctors to Match. NY Times. retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/>).

With this aging demographic comes the challenge and the opportunity of providing proper medical care (and assistance with a range of daily life activities). Not only will there be an increase in this 65+ demographic, but also an increase in the complexity of that care-giving that maximizes independence and quality of life.

Today, fewer medical students are choosing geriatrics. The American Geriatrics Society states there should be 1 geriatrician caring for 700 patients. Projections for 2030 suggest there will be 1 geriatrician caring for 4484 patients aged 75+ (Oilvero,M.(2015, April). Doctor Shortage: Who will Take Care of the Elderly? US News & World Report Health. retrieved from <http://health.usnews.com/>).

This translates to a monumental national challenge, but collaterally it is lined with personal and professional opportunity for striving care providers. Quality of care entails a team of not only the geriatrician but also nurses, physical and occupational therapists, home/facility health care workers, and social clinicians.

The Opportunity:

Ann Brown is an example of quality care resulting in high quality of life as she struggled with dementia. She lived at Brookdale Senior Living - Ann Arbor from June 2013 until her death in February 2015. Ann enjoyed living at Brookdale and felt it was her home. She received personalized care, specialized programming, and companionship created by the Brookdale Staff and was aided by this safe-feeling environment. Ann talked about the Brookdale Staff and was impressed at those with full-time or part-time jobs at Brookdale while attending a full-time university curriculum.

The Panthera Edge Foundation is pleased to honor Ann Brown in a special way. This Foundation is offering the “Ann Brown Scholarship” as outlined herein. This scholarship focuses on students who are actively engaged in a 4 year university program in the general field of medical care giving or gerontology, while employed at least part-time as determined by Brookdale management.

The Scholarship - “The Ann Brown Scholarship”:

A \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Brookdale staff member to assist with tuition and fees at your 4 year university. The scholarship is accompanied with an ongoing relationship to foster mentoring and potential additional support, annually. While the award will be for one year, The Foundation may be able to assist the winner with additional financial assistance at the election of The Foundation.

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The Foundation Board of Directors will make the selection, based on criteria revealed in the Application Program. The award selection will be coordinated with the Executive Director at Brookdale Ann Arbor.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Brookdale employee for a minimum of 6 months AND working a minimum of 2 shifts per week as of March 2016.
2. Be in good standing based on the assessment of Brookdale Executive Director, Rachel L.M. Sherman.
3. An established full time student AND enrolled during the time of application submittal AND currently engaged or committed to enrollment Fall '2016.
4. Pursuing a BS (or Advanced Degree).
5. State affirmatively that financial assistance is needed.
6. Demonstrate continual pursuance of excellence in school, work, and personal life.
7. Complete & submit application and submit essay NTL 2500 words.
8. Submit complete Application/Essay NLT March 19th (no exceptions).

The Essay (maximum words: 2500):

(Please note the following are suggestions as you think about your essay content.)

- Your essay is KEY in this selection process.
- We want to know who you are.
- Share your decision making process as you pursue post secondary education, eventually receiving a BS degree.
- For example, what steps did you take with your HS academic selection to position yourself in being accepted to the university in which you now are attending?
- What steps did you take to prepare yourself financially?
- Discuss your thoughts on education as an investment in your future.
- This is a scholarship focused on the need for proper medical care now (and futuristic geriatric patients). Discuss the importance of this area. Why did you choose this area of study?
- Has Brookdale changed your view in the area of geriatrics? Does or how does Brookdale aid in your studies?
- Are there other areas in your life that have influenced your decisions as you pursue your degree?

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- Again, we want to know who you are, what makes you unique, what separates you from others, and makes you different.

SCHEDULE

- **March 19th**, 2016 - Applications and Essay must be submitted to Natalie Kik-Brown, Executive Director, Panthera Edge Foundation, at jimnad@aol.com.
- **May 6th**, 2016 - The award decision will be made not later than May 6, 2016.

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APPLICATION:

- ➔ Due NLT March 19th.
- ➔ Submit both Application & Essay to Rachel Sherman AND Natalie Kik-Brown, Executive Director, Panthera Edge Foundation, at jimnad@aol.com.
- ➔ Email Documents using docx format.

Name: _____

Age: _____

Email Address: _____

University Attending: _____

Date of Enrollment: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Field of Study: _____

GPA(cumulative): _____ Credit load(current semester): _____

Employment starting date at Brookdale: _____

Work hours/week at Brookdale: _____

In 1-2 sentences, please answer:

(1) What Brookdale Experience illustrates why you are pursuing a profession in the health care provider field.

(2) What extracurricular activities tells us something about the person you are.

(3) List academic and leadership type achievements.