

About the Patrick Nobis RCFE Scholarship Fund

The Patrick Nobis RCFE Scholarship Fund honors a man who was a pioneering advocate for the Residential Care Society as a whole. In 1979 he opened his first RCFE along with his wife, Carole. By 1981 he had founded the San Francisco Association of Residential Care Homes (SFARCH), serving as its President for twenty years.

His compassionate ambition was to educate the community, the state of California and administrators of RCFEs, and to lobby for the elderly. He served on such Boards as the Little Hoover Commission, resulting in the “RCFE ReformAct” of 1985 and the Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly (CASE) where he helped construct consumer guides for professionals and the public.

Patrick’s love of teaching led him to provide continuing education seminars through SFARCH to RCFE administrators. He was an adjunct lecturer in Long-Term Care Administration at San Francisco State University (SFSU) where he taught in both the highly successful RCFE Administrator Certification and Continuing Education Programs.

The Patrick Nobis RCFE Scholarship Fund will provide awards to students in the Long-Term Care Administration Program at SFSU in order to continue Patrick’s work of ensuring compassionate, educated, and professional RCFE administrators.

Patrick, our much admired husband and father, dedicated his professional life to bringing dignity, peace, and well-being to the elderly; our desire is that each person awarded this special scholarship will strive to follow the practice and spirit of his eldercare endeavors.

Carole Nobis, Wife

Laura Nobis, Daughter

Jennifer Nobis, Daughter

Application Information

General Information

- Three scholarships of \$1,500.00 each to be awarded and presented to student recipients as part of the program during the annual AIT (Administrator-In-Training) Reception;
- Applicants may not receive the scholarship more than once during their studies at SFSU;
- Admitted and enrolled students must have an overall GPA of 3.3 or above;

Who Should Apply?

- Graduate or undergraduate students in one of the majors offered in the College of Health and Human Services who are enrolled in the academic emphasis in Long-Term Care Administration;
- Student recipients who are in AIT (Administrator-In-Training) internship placements with an RCFE (Residential Care Facility for the Elderly) located in the San Francisco Bay Area;

- Gerontology students with an academic emphasis in Long-Term Care Administration are especially invited to apply;

How to Apply

- To apply, please pick up an application package from the Gerontology Program office in HSS 242, or call 415-338-1684 and request that it be sent to you.
- Application to include cover letter; current transcripts; autobiographical statement (see below); and two letters of support (on letter head) from a faculty member and an RCFE administrator or staff.
- Autobiographical statement including: family history; academic background and achievements; paid work experience; volunteer work experience; overcoming personal adversity; evidence of commitment to the elderly and to the RCFE community; short term and long term career goals; and self-described financial need.
- Application to be completed with original and 7 copies to be submitted by February 14 each year.

Submit Application to:

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