



Rev. Phyllis Ray Jackson Legacy Scholarship

Rev. Phyllis Jackson is, first and foremost, a woman of faith who cares deeply about God's people and their wholeness of mind, body, and spirit. As a registered nurse, she has consistently used her nursing knowledge and skills to both initiate and support health promotion efforts within African American churches, as well as in other faith and community settings. Her passion for this work is unmistakable and her vision, her enthusiasm, and her ability to draw others into this work has made a true difference in the health of so many people within the greater Rochester area, especially among the African American churches that have partnered with her in this work. The Interdenominational Health Ministry Coalition (IHMC) is establishing this legacy scholarship in honor of all that she has set in motion.

Rev. Jackson's own words related to this scholarship.

"To be able to offer this Legacy scholarship is not only rewarding, but extremely personal. The journey to get here began with my mother Jessie Lee Ray. She was raised by her grandmother in the backwoods of a small town in Alabama. Her grandmother, an uneducated child of a former slave, was the local, homegrown, midwife, nurse, healer and counselor and Mama was her helper. My Mama's big dream was of someday being a real nurse. Unfortunately, she had only finished the 10th grade when she had to leave school to take on the role of fulltime caregiver. This was followed by marriage, a challenging relocation to the north, leaving her family and friends, and the struggles that all poor people encounter when raising a family in a marginalized community. She never got the chance to make that dream a reality, but the dream didn't die. It was passed on to me and my sister Clorica Ray Moore (Clo). Even though we were poor, Mama gave us the rich legacy of a dream, the discipline to go after it, the strength to never give up, no matter what life threw at us and the wisdom to trust God through it all. Mama lived to see her dream manifested through her children, when both my sister and I became registered nurses.

"Mama and Clo have gone home now, but the legacy of that dream continues. My prayer is that this scholarship will help others who have a dream and have chosen to go after it; that they too won't give up, even when life throws them a curve ball, and that they hold on to their trust in God, knowing He is for them.

"We, at IHMC, believe that Health is a Spiritual Matter, and it is our privilege and honor to support those who seek to educate themselves in preparation for helping bring wholeness of mind, body and spirit to the people in our communities."

Thank you for your support!

Phyllis Ray Jackson RN

"Health is a Spiritual Matter"

Rev. Phyllis R. Jackson Legacy Scholarship Application

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Contact Information

Mailing Address: _____ Zip code: _____

Email Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Purpose of this scholarship:

This scholarship is to be given to an African American individual who is pursuing education, certification, and/or licensing in one of the following professions:

1. Licensed Practical Nurse
2. Registered Nurse
3. Licensed Clinical Social Worker
4. Mental Health Therapist

Age requirement: Applicants must be 17 years or older. Applicants who are 17 years old must have parental permission to receive this scholarship.

Applicant must answer the following questions:

1. In one or two paragraphs, please describe why you are interested in pursuing your chosen educational program.
2. In one or two paragraphs, please describe what impact you hope to have on others' health (mind-body-spirit) by becoming a health care professional.
3. In one or two paragraphs, please describe any volunteer work you have done in the past related to health promotion in a community setting (school, church, neighborhood organization, healthcare organization).

In addition to completing this application form, the following documents must be submitted:

1. One academic letter of reference
2. One personal or work letter of reference
3. Your letter of acceptance to your chosen educational program

Once all applications and supporting documents are received, they will be reviewed in June by the scholarship committee to select three finalists. These three finalists will then be interviewed by the committee in July to determine the recipient of the scholarship. **The scholarship will be awarded by August 1, 2022.** All applicants will be notified of the results.

Email this form with the supporting documents to: prjackson2022@gmail.com

*** Deadline for submission for the Fall 2022 scholarship award is June 6, 2022.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT IHMC BOARD MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP.