

The Khader K. Hussein Awards in Palliative Care

This award program is designed to recognize and encourage graduating medical and nursing students who demonstrate an interest in palliative care and end-of-life issues. The annual awards are presented to a graduating medical student from the University Of Oklahoma College Of Medicine and a graduating nursing student from the University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University, and Southern Nazarene University.

Background

These awards are made in honor of Khader K. Hussein MD, who served as Volunteer Medical Director for Hospice of Oklahoma County, Inc., from its inception in 1990 until December of 1995. In addition, Dr. Hussein has served on the board of the Hospice Foundation of Oklahoma and is still a guiding influence with the organization. Initially, Dr. Hussein assumed a leadership role in raising funds from community contributors that served as seed money to start Hospice of Oklahoma County. For many years, Dr. Hussein has served our community as an oncologist/hematologist and helped to establish the Central Oklahoma Cancer Center at Southwest Medical Center. In this role, he has mentored countless medical and nursing students.

Awards: Description and Criteria

Nursing Students

A \$2,000 award and a certificate of commemoration is presented annually to a maximum of four (4) qualifying graduating senior students in the state, one from each of the following schools:

- ✓ Oklahoma City University – Kramer School of Nursing
- ✓ University of Central Oklahoma – Department of Nursing
- ✓ Southern Nazarene University - School of Nursing
- ✓ University of Oklahoma College of Nursing

Medical Student

A \$2,000 award and a certificate of commemoration are presented annually to a maximum of one (1) qualifying graduating senior medical student from the University of Oklahoma, College of Medicine.

Nomination and Selection Process

- ✓ The above-named schools are invited annually to submit nominations to the Hospice Foundation of Oklahoma.
- ✓ Each nomination must include a cover letter from the Dean of the respective school and two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty attesting to the candidate's qualifications based on the above criteria.
- ✓ Each nomination must include a statement by the candidate describing his or her thoughts, interests and activities in the area of palliative care.
- ✓ Each nomination must include the candidate's full name, address and telephone number.

- ✓ Nomination materials for each candidate must be enclosed in a single envelope and postmarked by March 29th.

The Hospice Foundation of Oklahoma has final responsibility for accepting candidates nominated by the schools.

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