## **QueensCare**

## John Joseph Brandlin Memorial Scholarship Fund

QueensCare, a faith-based nonprofit providing healthcare to low-income residents of Los Angeles County, is pleased to announce the establishment of the John Joseph Brandlin Memorial Scholarship Fund ("The Brandlin Scholarship Fund" or "the Fund"). The Brandlin Scholarship Fund honors the contributions of J. J. Brandlin throughout his 32 years of service to and management of QueensCare.

From 1932-1936, at the bottom of the worldwide financial Depression, Mr. Brandlin received a four-year scholarship from the University of Illinois to cover his tuition and fees in the approximate amount of \$50 a year. This award was the difference between going to college, or not, for Mr. Brandlin. After graduating from the University of Illinois, Mr. Brandlin attended the School of Law at the University of Southern California and thereafter practiced law in Los Angeles for 50 years.

The Fund has been created by QueensCare to help alleviate the shortage of healthcare practitioners serving low-income individuals and families. It assists in the education of healthcare professionals who attend universities and colleges located in California, or those attending the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champagne, Mr. Brandlin's alma mater. The Fund also awards a limited number of student loan repayment awards to professional serving in needy communities of Los Angeles. Employees of QueensCare and QueensCare Health Alliance who meet the eligibility criteria receive priority for loan repayment awards. Those interested in loan repayment awards should email <a href="mailto:scholarshipinfo@queenscare.org">scholarshipinfo@queenscare.org</a> for more information.

In addition to the Fund, QueensCare's Charitable Division makes grants to nonprofit healthcare organizations serving low-income LA communities. In addition, QueensCare contracts with several nonprofit hospitals in Los Angeles to provide inpatient care to lowincome Angelenos in need. QueensCare Health Alliance, an affiliate of QueensCare, operates five outreach programs offering no-cost health services to the community through partnerships with local organizations, places of worship, and school. The Health & Faith Partnership provides community and parish nurses who perform preventive health screenings, and community health workers present information on health education and essential resources at local partner sites. The Mobile Dental and Mobile Vision Programs are clinics on wheels delivering preventative and restorative dental treatments, comprehensive eye exams, personalized prescriptions, and free glasses for those in need. The Mental Health Program offers individual and family therapy to address emotional and behavioral health challenges impacting children and young adults. Pastoral Care chaplains integrate holistic healing through interdenominational chaplains bringing spiritual comfort to hospitalized patients, their families, and medical staff at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center.

Eligible applicants for assistance from the John Joseph Brandlin Memorial Scholarship Fund must be United States citizens or legal residents who are enrolled at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champagne, or in any California state university, community college, or

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private university or college whose credits upon transfer are given equal standing to those of accredited California state institutions. Awards will be limited to students preparing for careers in healthcare, from medical assistants to physicians, as specified by the Board of Directors of QueensCare from time to time, and who express a commitment to serve in low-income communities.

Eligibility is limited to students already enrolled in or admitted to programs to become medical assistants, medical technicians, licensed vocational nurses, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, pharmacists, physician's assistants, primary care physicians, doctors of osteopathic medicine, obstetricians, or other postgraduate healthcare providers. Priority will be given to those who agree to practice their profession serving the low-income residents of Los Angeles County. QueensCare generally does not award scholarships to freshmen or sophomores attending four-year colleges and universities. However, those with a declared major in a health-related field and a strong record of volunteer work or employment in that arena may be considered.

Assistance will be limited to tuition, fees, and books. No sums awarded may be applied to costs of room and board or transportation. Individual scholarship and loan repayment awards shall not exceed \$10,000 per person, or \$2,500 for those attending community colleges or professional schools. Awards shall be paid directly to the institution.

Community college and professional school students chosen to receive Brandlin Scholarship Fund assistance must maintain a 2.5 GPA; undergraduate students must maintain a 3.0, and graduate students must maintain a 3.25 GPA throughout the period of the scholarship.

Limited loan repayment awards may be available to healthcare professionals who are repaying a student loan and employed at a healthcare facility serving the underserved in Los Angeles County. Awards are available for up to \$10,000 a year for a maximum of four years.

The Board of Directors of QueensCare shall select all recipients without regard to age, gender, religion, national origin, race, sexual orientation, or receipt of public assistance.

For more information or to apply, please visit <u>QueensCare.org</u> or email <u>scholarshipinfo@queenscare.org</u>.

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