



It's not a dream home
without natural gas.

ATMOSenergy.

The Shelter Insurance logo is on the left, featuring a blue shield with a red wave at the bottom and the words "SHELTER INSURANCE" in white. To the right are three headshots of agents: Sarah Duffer, Dan McCloud, and Nancy Hickey. Below their names is a call to action: "Click here to visit our Bowling Green agent's websites." To the right of the portraits is a text box that says: "Let us help you get the right coverage at the best rate possible & help you shrink your auto premium!"

SHELTER INSURANCE

Sarah Duffer Dan McCloud Nancy Hickey

Let us help you get the right coverage at the best rate possible & help you shrink your auto premium!

Click here to visit our Bowling Green agent's websites.

Home / News

https://www.bgdailynews.com/news/aspiring-health-care-professionals-to-benefit-from-new-wku-scholarship/article_3395a4e0-5f57-546b-aa98-e1a23b225c67.html

Aspiring health care professionals to benefit from new WKU scholarship

AARON MUDD amudd@bgdailynews.com 19 min ago

High school graduates in and around McLean County striving for a health care career can benefit from a new Western Kentucky University scholarship thanks to a quarter-million dollar gift.

Following a \$225,000 gift made by Dr. Hugh H. and Debby G. Wilhite, both of Calhoun, students can apply for the scholarship through WKU's TopDollar Scholarship Portal. The portal is available at wku.edu/financialaid/scholarships.

"We just feel like we've been blessed and are able to do this," said Hugh Wilhite, a 1962 graduate of WKU who divided his time on the Hill between pursuing a pre-med degree and playing basketball for coach E.A. Diddle.

Hugh Wilhite graduated with a medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1966, a milestone he credits WKU for helping him achieve, according to a news release.

Wilhite's wife, Debby, graduated from WKU in 1973 with a nursing degree.

For Hugh Wilhite, the scholarship is a way to give back to students dreaming of a career in health care.

“We're just so happy that we are able to do this and help some of these kids out,” he said.

First preference for the scholarship fund will be given to graduates or residents of McLean, Muhlenberg, Ohio and Webster counties – counties that surround Calhoun, where Hugh Wilhite practiced medicine for 44 years before retiring in July.

Full-time students majoring in health care-related disciplines are eligible for the \$1,000 scholarship award, with financial need considered. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1.

John Paul Blair, WKU's interim vice president for philanthropy and alumni engagement, said the scholarship could help create more physicians, which remains a critical need in rural Kentucky.

The Dr. Hugh H. and Debby G. Wilhite Scholarship Fund is part of the WKU Opportunity Fund. The needs-based assistance fund launched this year with a focus on recruitment, retention and helping students pursue opportunities outside the classroom that would otherwise be out of their reach.

“Critical donors like Dr. Hugh and Debby Wilhite enable WKU to remain an institution of opportunity and access,” WKU President Timothy Caboni said in a news release. “Their generous gift will continue to elevate our students in the health care arena, which we know is an area of need in our region.”

Ad

– Follow education reporter Aaron Mudd on Twitter @BGDN_edbeat or visit bgdailynews.com.

Education reporter. Covers education and related issues, focusing primarily on the Bowling Green and Warren County public school districts and Western Kentucky University.