



Complete and submit this form, along with any supplemental documentation, to the Office of the President by 5:00pm on the seventh day prior to the Board meeting.

Date of Board Meeting: June 17, 2025

Subject: Approve creation of Gloria Tobin Outstanding Nursing Student Endowment

Recommendation: Approve creation of Gloria Tobin Outstanding Nursing Student Endowment

## **Background and Rationale:**

John Tobin in honor of his wife, Gloria Tobin, wishes to create an endowment fund the proceeds of which will fund a semi-annual cash award for graduating outstanding nursing students. Gloria is an accomplished faculty member whose career has spanned 54 years beginning in New York City at St. Vincent's Hospital and continues today as an educator at Wharton County Junior College. The endowment specifications define the selection criteria and procedure.

Cost and Budgetary Support: none		
Strategic Priority Alignment:	✓ Student Success  ☐ Resource Optimization	☐ Community Impact on ☐ Institutional Excellence
Resource Person(s):  Carol Derkowski Sandra Davis Cynthia Ward		
RDH, MAIE	1 by Carol J. Derkowski, 29 08:10:39 -05'00'	5/29/2025 Date 6-9-25 Date
President's Approval:  Buly McCrol  President		6-9-25 Date

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# Wharton County Junior College

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## ENDOWED AWARD SPECIFICATIONS

#### I. IDENTIFICATION

A. Name of Endowment Fund: Gloria Tobin Outstanding Nursing Student

B. Amount of Contribution:

\$10,000

Initial Endowment

\$2,900

Additional Contribution

C. Date Established: June 17, 2025

D. Date of First Award: December 2025

E. Grantor:

Name: John Tobin

Address: 23738 Celeste Fig Dr

City: Katy, TX 77498

Telephone: 713-851-4449

#### II. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The principal of this endowment will be invested according to Wharton County Junior College's approved Investment Management Plan. 80% of earned interest will be utilized to provide scholarship aid to eligible students. The remaining 20% will be added to the endowment principal. Any accrued interest not utilized for scholarship purposes by August 31 of each fiscal year will be retained in the scholarship account to be awarded in future years.

### III. RECIPIENT QUALIFICATIONS

- Be enrolled in the Nursing program(s)
- Display qualities characteristic of an outstanding nurse:
  - o Strong and consistent academic performance with a minimum GPA of 2.5
  - o Excellence in critical thinking in the lab and clinical setting
  - o Demonstrate integrity, compassion, and empathy in clinical settings
  - o Lead initiatives in problem-solving and improving clinical environments
  - o Communicate effectively and is an active listener with patients, families, and healthcare team
  - o Volunteer in health promotion activities
- Student may be an in-district or out-of-district students.

#### IV. SELECTION PROCESS

Each April and November, student nominations will be made at the monthly nursing faculty meeting. The faculty, working with the Director of Financial Aid, will utilize a rubric to grade nominees with the highest scoring student recommended. The final decision will be made by the Associate Director of Nursing.

## V. PROVISIONS FOR FUTURE CHANGES IN SCHOLARSHIP TERMS

John or Gloria Tobin can recommend any changes in award terms. In the event of death, recommend changes can be made by:

Sean Tobin 1 Creekside Circle Houston, TX 77024.

#### VI. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

John Tobin is honoring Gloria Tobin, his wife, through this award. Mrs. Tobin's nursing career spanned 54 years and began in New York City at St. Vincent's Hospital. Gloria has served the nursing community as an educator, a Chief Nursing Officer, and a Chief Nurse Executive at several hospitals across Texas. This award serves to encourage adherence to strict clinical skills, professionalism, and excellent bedside care.

## APPROVALS:

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## Gloria Tobin Outstanding Nursing Student Award

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### I. Student Eligibility

To be eligible for the Gloria Tobin Outstanding Nursing Student Award, a student must:

- Be enrolled in the Nursing program(s)
- Display qualities characteristic of an outstanding nurse:
  - o Strong and consistent academic performance with a minimum GPA of 2.5
  - Excellence in critical thinking in the lab and clinical setting
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#### II. Procedure

Each April and November, student nominations will be made at the monthly nursing faculty meeting. The faculty, working with the Director of Financial Aid, will utilize a rubric to grade nominees with the highest scoring student recommended. The final decision will be made by the Associate Director of Nursing.

The Director of Associate Degree Nursing will submit a completed a check request form to the Business Office two weeks prior to the ceremony. The form will be made payable to the student and charge the Tobin endowment fund.

The nursing program will be responsible for notifying the awardee and for any follow up correspondence (i.e., thank you letter) required by the donor.

## III. Accountability

The Business Office will be responsible for providing a statement of account when requested by the donor.

# Gloria Tobin Outstanding Nursing Student Award

Student Name:	
Faculty Name:	

Description	Criteria	2.5 – 3.0 GPA 2 points	3.0 – 3.5 GPA 3 points	3.5 – 4.0 GPA 4 points
GPA requirement	Strong and		•	P
	consistent academic			
	performance			"
Critical thinker	Excellence in critical			
	thinking in the lab			
	and clinical setting			
Ethical environment	Demonstrates			
	integrity,			
	compassion, and			
	empathy in clinical			
	settings			
Leadership	Leads initiatives in			
	problem-solving and			
	improving clinical			
	environments			
Communication	Communicates			
	effectively and is an			
	active listener with			
	patients, families,			
	and healthcare team			
Volunteerism	Volunteers in health			
	promotion activities			
		Points	Points	Points

Total Points Earned:\_\_\_\_\_