

The Norma A. Wylie Palliative Care Program Scholarship

Norma A. Wylie is a person who has given her entire life to making medical education more relevant. A native Canadian who received her R.N. degree at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and masters degree at the University of California, San Francisco, Ms. Wylie has been an educational practitioner in the health sciences around the world. She taught for eight years in Singapore and Malaysia with the World Health Organization and has served as director of nursing service and associate professor in the School of Nursing at McMaster University School of Health Sciences, Hamilton, Ontario.

In 1974, Ms. Wylie studied at St. Christopher's Hospice, London, England. She is especially sensitive to the needs of the terminally ill and their families; she becomes a partner and mentor in learning for her students. These compelling forces in her life led her to serve as a hospice consultant at Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia while she was an associate professor of nursing at Dalhousie University. In 1978 Ms. Wylie joined the faculty of the Department of Medical Humanities, SIU School of Medicine. She was the first nurse in a U.S. medical school to attain full professorship; she is professor emeritus of Medical Humanities. Ms. Wylie also served as a consultant to St. John's Hospice in Springfield. Ms. Wylie is the author of two books, *The Role of the Nurse in Clinical Medical Education*, and *Sharing The Final Journey*, with Terrill A. Mast, Ph.D. and Jay Kennerly as co-authors. Professor Wylie's entire career has been a partnership in learning and can be summed up in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, "to know that one life has breathed easier because you have lived—this is to have succeeded." Norma A. Wylie is a success.

In 1988, upon the occasion of her 70th birthday, a group of friends and colleagues established a scholarship in her name. Ms. Wylie, professor, lecturer, hospice coordinator, nurse, world traveler, confidant, advisor and friend has dedicated many of her honoraria to the scholarship. The scholarship fund was named the **Norma A. Wylie Palliative Care Program and Third World Study Award Endowment**. Upon her return to Canada in 2002, Ms. Wylie dedicated this scholarship in honor of Lynne Cleverdon, recognizing their friendship and their years as colleagues in the Department of Medical Humanities at SIU School of Medicine.

Palliative Care Program Award

Ms. Wylie and Ms. Cleverdon have been involved with hospice programs for many years. A Palliative Care Program Award may be made to a qualified senior medical student who wishes to do an elective in this area. Awards may be made annually based on the following criteria:

Eligibility:

- (1) A senior medical student who is interested in end-of-life care and/or pain control may apply by written letter of application prior to or during their fourth year of medical school.
- (2) The applicant must show written evidence of interest in community affairs in addition to academics.
- (3) The recipient should be willing to speak about the experience to fellow students, college and high school student groups, or community groups upon his/her return.

Procedure for Application:

- (1) The student should write a letter of application addressing the points of eligibility mentioned above, and indicate how the award would be used to fund the trip.
- (2) Also include a short essay on his/her personal philosophy of life and goals for becoming a physician, as well as how this elective supports career goals.
- (3) A selection committee may interview the applicants.

Notification:

The recipients of the Palliative Care Program Award for a given year will be notified in writing.

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For ease in completion of this form, display gridlines by clicking "Show Gridlines" on the Table menu.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Area Code & Phone No. _____

Elective Name: _____ Date Scheduled: _____

Attach letter of application.

Return to the Office of Student Affairs by **September 15**.