

2026 SCSRC/Patricia K Blakely Memorial Higher Education Recognition Award and Guidelines

The South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care Higher Education Award in memory of Patricia Blakely, RRT, FAARC will be given to two (2) respiratory therapists pursuing a baccalaureate degree or higher. The award consists of a certificate of recognition, registration for the SCSRC Annual Meeting, and monetary award of up to \$500.

The Patricia K. Blakely, RRT, FAARC award was established in 2014 in memory of Mrs. Blakely, who made enormous contributions to the profession of respiratory care throughout her career.

Basic Requirements: In order to be eligible, candidate must be currently practicing in the state of South Carolina, a current AARC member, hold an active RCP license from the SC LLR, and is actively pursuing at least a Baccalaureate degree or higher with a 3.0 cumulative GPA or better on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent.

Nomination Process: Electronic nominations should be e-mailed to scholarships@scsrc.org by July 1, 2026. Nominations can be submitted on this form electronically, or in the body of an e-mail message. Nomination should include the following information:

- Nominee's Name and AARC #
- Credentials - Certification/Registry (from national organization or specialty organization)
- Address
- Phone Number (Home and Work)
- Email
- Job Title
- Place of Employment/Educational Affiliation
- Higher Educational Program/School Name and Address
- Program Information/Title of Degree
- Date Enrolled and Expected Date of Graduation
- Must provide proof of acceptance into an advanced degree program of a fully accredited school with a letter from the academic Dean or Committee Chair indicating the applicant is currently a candidate for a degree.
- Must present three letters of reference attesting to the candidate's character, academic ability, and professional commitment to respiratory care.
- Must submit an essay consisting of at least 600 words describing how this award will assist the applicant in reaching the objective of an advanced degree. Include how this degree will influence the applicant's ultimate goals of leadership within health care.

I have completed this application and it is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am the sole author of any paper submitted for consideration.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Selection Process: The scholarship committee will review all nominations and present the awards at the annual business meeting in September.

The deadline for application submission is July 1, 2026

For questions, please email scholarships@scsrc.org.