

## **MICHELLE BULAU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Michelle Bulau Memorial Scholarship was established to provide an annual scholarship to assist with educational costs, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, tools, and room and board for college students who meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a high school senior or graduate of St. Mary's High School in O'Neill, Nebraska.
2. Must be pursuing post-secondary education in the medical field at an accredited community college, college or university. Also open to graduate studies. Eligible fields are a degree in medicine, nursing, anesthesia, physical therapy, physician assistant, speech therapy, respiratory therapy, medical technician, laboratory technician, radiology technician, dentistry, chiropractic and optometry.
3. Must have a "C" or 2.0 accumulative grade point average.
4. Must explain a financial need.
5. Must have a good moral character.

All scholarship money distributed from the Michelle Bulau Memorial Scholarship will be forwarded to, and will be disbursed by, the financial aid department of the school the recipient attends or paid directly to any vendor for required tools, equipment, supplies, etc., the recipient needs in education classes. Past scholarship recipients may reapply for the scholarship.

At the beginning of the first term, funds for one-half (1/2) of the scholarship will be issued to the educational institution which the student is attending. After completion of first term, with proof of GPA of C or 2.75 and enrollment in second term, funds will be issued for remainder of scholarship. Student may lose scholarship and remaining funds if he/she fails to complete first term or attain GPA.

**Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **About Michelle:**

*Michelle Jean Bulau was born October 21, 1984, to Hugh and Mardell (Vandersnick) Shoemaker, in O'Neill, NE. She attended St. Mary's Schools, graduating in 2003. She went on to attend University of Nebraska at Kearney and University of Nebraska Medical Center in Kearney, graduating in 2008 with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She started her career at Nebraska Medicine in the cardiac care unit. She continued her career in the step-down unit at Faith Regional until she returned to O'Neill. She worked as the MDS coordinator at the Good Samaritan Society in Atkinson until she transitioned to the director of nursing at the nursing home in O'Neill. Michelle concluded her career at Avera St. Anthony's Hospital in the surgery department where she made her second family. She continued to work until her health no longer allowed.*

*In 2002, Michelle met the love of her life, Luke Bulau, at Gibson's Discount Center, where they worked together. From that moment they were inseparable. The couple wed in 2009 and to this union 5 children were born: Lily, Jack, Emma, Ellie and Hatti. Together they enjoyed doing home renovation projects and rarely did she miss one of Luke's basketball games to support his teams over the years. Michelle passed away on November 10, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family.*