Section I: Description of Scholarship Awards

The Margaret Blee-Ruth Warwick Hay and the Imogene Pence Klingenfus Scholarship Awards are presented annually to an outstanding graduate student who has at least a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing (BSN) enrolled in the Public Health Nursing/Occupational Health Nursing Programs, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

1. Margaret Blee-Ruth Warwick Hay

The Margaret Blee-Ruth Warwick Hay Scholarship Award was established in 1973 through the generosity of an outstanding and beloved nurse educator, Ruth Warwick Hay, who was appointed in 1941 to the faculty of the University as a full professor of Public Health Nursing.

Miss Hay was invited by Dean Milton J. Rosenau to initiate and develop the Department of Public Health Nursing in the newly established School of Public Health. Margaret Blee joined Miss Hay and together they developed a program in public health nursing. The partnership of these two nurse educators continued for twenty-one years until their retirement in 1962.

Both Miss Hay and Miss Blee are well remembered for their innovations and leadership in nursing education, particularly in their contribution to public health. Their values and commitment continue to be an integral part of public health nursing.

2. Imogene Pence Klingenfus

The Imogene Pence Klingenfus Scholarship Award was established in 1996 through the generosity of the husband of an outstanding and beloved public health nurse who also served in the United States Air Force as a Flight Nurse.

Mrs. Klingenfus worked in public health departments throughout North Carolina, and worked for six months as an American Red Cross volunteer during the polio epidemic. She also served as Captain in the United States Air Force. While in the Air Force she was a member of the trans-Atlantic air evacuation squadron and flew 87 missions across the Atlantic and numerous missions to Southern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.
Section II: Selection Guidelines

1. Eligibility

Nurses who are MPH/MS candidates with a BSN enrolled in the Public Health Nursing Program in the Gillings School of Global Public Health at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who have not previously been awarded the scholarship are eligible. Nominees must have completed at least 50% of the coursework by the end of the Spring Semester toward their degrees and have maintained a 3.0 (P/H) average or better. The process will be monitored by the Awards Committee.

2. Criteria for Selection (for both awards)

- Demonstrated leadership in nursing
- Ability to relate academic knowledge to public health/occupational health nursing practice
- Commitment to the value and worth of public health/occupational health nursing

3. Descriptive Materials

Materials related to the history and purpose of the award will be provided to each eligible BSN nurse at the beginning of the spring semester. Such material will include the criteria for eligibility.

4. Applicant Materials

- Student's GPA – computed by the nursing department.
- Documentation of at least 50% of coursework completed by the end of the spring semester – computed by the nursing department.
- A personal statement, not to exceed 300 words, addressing the criteria for selection – submitted by the student (see Application Form).

Section III: Award Screening Committee

- The Selection Committee shall consist of two public health nursing faculty members and the previous recipient of one of the awards.
- The Screening Committee will review and select the award recipients.
Section IV: Recognition Guidelines

1. **Award**
   - Each recipient will be notified of the award.
   - Each recipient will receive a monetary award and a plaque with name inscribed. In addition, the recipient's name will be inscribed on a perpetual plaque to be displayed in the Gillings School of Global Public Health.

2. **Presentation**
   The awards will be presented annually during the Foard Lecture.