Rita Conway (1932 – 2013) was a mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a Licensed Practial Nurse. She lived her life in service to others. Her family established the Rita Mae Conway Memorial Fund in the hopes of providing a sustainable scholarship for University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee College of Nursing students who exemplify the ideals by which she lived her life. Rita valued family and community service. She was always there for family or friends who needed help, and was an active volunteer with various church organizations and food pantries to name a few. Much of her professional life was spent working with the elderly.

The Fund will provide an annual scholarship to a nursing student participating in the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee College of Nursing study abroad program.

The UWM College of Nursing study abroad program provides students with once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. It can also be one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences of a college career-getting to know another culture, living in a new environment, learning a new language and being immersed in foreign customs and traditions.

The Center for Global Health and Equity administers study abroad programs for students of nursing and other health sciences. In short-term programs to countries including South Korea, Mexico, Malawi, England, Ireland, Germany and Switzerland, participants study specific aspects of other health care systems and learn, first hand, how various organizational structures impact patient care.

**TO APPLY FOR THE RITA MAE CONWAY MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP:**

- Students must be a current UWM Nursing Student (Undergraduate or Graduate).

- Students must submit a personal statement – please highlight any personal or work experiences in community service and/or in care for family, friends, or for the elderly. *(details on reverse)*

- Special consideration will be given to students who are cancer survivors, who have cared for a terminally ill family member or friend, and/or are Racine County residents.

- If chosen, you must be accepted to a UWM Nursing sponsored study abroad program to receive scholarship.

**TIP**

*Make it Personal:* This statement provides you with an opportunity to introduce yourself to the screening committee members on a personal level. The style is up to you, but the content should convey how you exemplify the qualities that Rita Conway shared including community service, care for family and friends and care for the elderly.
ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

• Length is limited to a maximum of two double-spaced pages. Longer statements will not be presented to the screening committee.

• Use 1-inch margins and Times New Roman 12-point font.

AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE INCLUDE:

• The title “Rita Mae Conway Memorial Fund Scholarship Application”.

• Your Name, Student ID Number, current Major/Level and Study Abroad Program to which you are applying.

• Your full mailing address, email address and phone number.

For consideration submit your application to Mike Walk in the Nursing Student Affairs Office, Cunningham Hall Room 135, or by emailing walk@uwm.edu by 4:00pm, Friday, September 30th.

PO Box 413
Milwaukee, WI 53201
414-229-5047

Applications will be reviewed by the College of Nursing Scholarship Committee. The recipient will be notified by approximately October 7.

The Rita Mae Conway Memorial Fund is administered by the UWM Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax.