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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - With the school year and its students halfway into the third quarter, seniors of the 2013 class are both applying to colleges and applying for scholarships. This year, Three Rivers College is proudly announcing that they have created a new scholarship for this year's seniors planning on attending Three Rivers in Poplar Bluff.

As the medical and healthcare field is growing rapidly, Missouri and the other states have a high demand for nurses and other medical field workers. Three Rivers has created their new scholarship as an opportunity for incoming freshmen of the 2013 fall semester to help any graduate from Malden High School or any other high school a part of Dunklin County Schools that have decided to become registered nurses.

The scholarship has officially been named the Florina Carlstrom Memorial Scholarship after Mrs. Carlstrom and a large donation from the Carlstrom's estate. This donation will help provide funding and tuition for participants from Malden that are intending on taking classes or participating in Nursing and Allied Health Program at Three Rivers.

Florina Carlstrom isn't new to the medical business. In fact, she has had a major role in Southeast Missouri's health care and began her work decades ago after marrying Dr. Graydon Carlstrom in the mid 1930's. Mr. Carlstrom passed in the 1950's, when Mrs. Carlstrom decided to become a nurse after working side by side with her husband as a bookkeeper, nurse, and office assistant.

Mrs. Carlstrom was accepted into a nursing program in Poplar Bluff and received her LPN and spent many more years in Southeast Missouri, working in the healthcare industry and medical field. Among Mrs. Calstrom's many successes in her career, she also participated as a member on the State Board of Nursing and in the Missouri State Ombudsman Program. Mrs. Calstrom died in on September 7th of 1996 in Malden after a long life of pursuing her dreams in the medical field.

Any student or graduate from Malden High School or Dunklin County Schools that is wishing to apply for the Florina Carlstrom Memorial Scholarship can contact Malden High School's counselor's office at 573-276-5794 or call the Three Rivers' Financial Aid Office at 573-840-9606. For more information on the nursing and health programs being offered at Three Rivers in the 2013 fall semester, you can visit trcc.edu.

The Three Rivers Endowment Trust received Mrs. Calstrom's donation and is using the scholarship to further the education of current and future students wishing to attend Three Rivers College. The Endowment Trust provides support for both students, businesses, and the school itself. To donate to the college's projects, scholarships, or other needs, contact the Endowment Trust Executive Director Emily Parks at 573-840-9077.

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