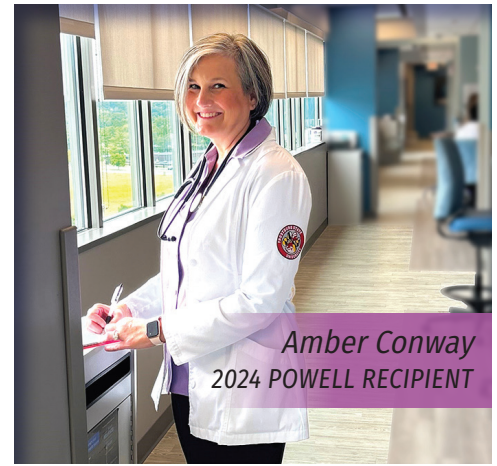


# Imagine Your Future as a CRNP!

The Sophia E. Powell Nursing Scholarship can help.



The WMHS Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the ***Sophia E. Powell Nursing Scholarship***, supporting those pursuing an advanced degree as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP).

Sophie's nephew, Bob Powell, established the fund in 2022 after witnessing the exemplary care his aunt received at UPMC Western Maryland following a bad fall. During a two-week hospitalization in the Comprehensive Inpatient Rehab Unit, Sophie received compassionate, professional care from nurses, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, occupational therapists, physicians, and pharmacists. As a pharmacist himself, Mr. Powell has worked in hospitals with patients, pharmaceutical research, and the FDA. He met with senior administrators to determine an immediate need here at UPMC and created the Nurse Practitioner scholarship to honor those who helped heal his aunt.

***The Sophia E. Powell Nursing Scholarship endowment offers a generous \$20,000 award to the selected applicant, over one academic year.*** Scholarship applications must be postmarked or received by ***5 pm on Monday, June 30, 2025.*** To be eligible, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- ✿ Hold a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN), and be accepted into an accredited CRNP program. Nurses working for UPMC Western Maryland are preferred, but not required.
- ✿ Attend school as a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours/semester).
- ✿ Upon graduation, agree to work at UPMC Western Maryland for one year for each year of scholarship received. The selected candidate will be awarded a scholarship of up to \$10,000 toward the fall semester and \$10K for spring of 2025 (up to \$20k total).

The awardee will be announced by **Monday, July 14, 2025**. For more information, or to apply, contact **Lisa Hout** in the WMHS Foundation at **240-964-8100**. Completed applications can be emailed/mailed to: [wmfoundation@upmc.edu](mailto:wmfoundation@upmc.edu) or 12400 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD 21502.

## ***A Few Words about Sophie ...***

Sophie Powell was born and raised in Cumberland, Maryland. She graduated from Allegany High School in 1942, pursuing a lifelong successful career in local banking. Sophie's six nieces and nephews and her many friends enjoy her sharp wit and wise and understated advice. Her incredible 99-year-old memory and energy are a testament to daily exercise and a vibrant love for others. This scholarship is given in gratitude for those who so skillfully cared for Sophie, with the hope that other talented nurses will pursue advanced training and someday provide life-changing, transformational care... just as Sophie received.



*Sophie Powell, in high school and today*

