

The Dr. Edith A. Schmitt Memorial Scholarship

for a student planning to pursue a career in the healthcare/medical field:

Dr. Edith A. Schmitt spent her life in health care and helping others. She became a nurse in the 1940's, went back to school for a Master's in Nursing Education from University of Pennsylvania and began a 30-year teaching career at Wagner College (Staten Island, NY) in their College of Nursing. While there she instituted one of the early Nurse Practitioner programs in the country. In 1963 Edith earned a doctorate from New York University. After retiring in 1980 she served as a member of the Rescue Squad and a hospice volunteer nurse in her community of Bridgewater, VA. In 2004 Edith moved to CA to be closer to family and lived her closing years in Borrego Springs.

by Sue Vescera, Dr. Schmitt's niece