

COMMUNITY CENTER
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

The Dowling Educational Scholarship Application - 2025

HHID# 18307 Last Name: Vidal First Name: Katherine
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 Phone: 914-643-5468 Email: katherineblanca14@gmail.com Date of Birth: 01/14/23
 What type of college/school/coursework are you planning on pursuing with the help of this scholarship?
☒ College ☐ Technical/Trade ☐ Other Name of school: Mount Saint Mary College
 If you are currently employed Employer Name: Dr. Rodriguez Hours/Week: 29

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT:

- AN ESSAY of 250-750 words that addresses these topics:
 1. What are your educational goals?
 2. How will this scholarship help you overcome any obstacles toward achieving these goals?
- A SEPARATE PAGE of YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES
 1. Describe the most important activities you are involved in. This can include clubs, community service, athletics, hobbies, work, caring for family, household responsibilities or any other activities of importance to you.
 2. If you are a member of a club or a volunteer, please include the length of your involvement and any position you have held in the organization.
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
 Submit a minimum of two letters from one or more teachers, a guidance counselor, employer, supervisor, coach, or community/spiritual leader. Be sure they include their title and contact information.

IF YOU ARE A CURRENT STUDENT:

In addition to the above documents, please provide:

- REPORT CARD/TRANSCRIPT
 Submit the records that apply to your current student status:

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS 9 th - 11 th grade Transcript 12 th grade Fall 2024 Report Card	FRESHMAN COLLEGE STUDENTS 12 th grade Transcript Fall 2024 College Grade Report	ALL OTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS Previous year's Transcript Fall 2024 College Grade Report
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- NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____

All APPLICANTS please sign and date:

I CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION. I AM AWARE THAT OMISSIONS OR INACCURACIES COULD RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

Applicant's Signature: Katherine Vidal Date: 2/20/25

Parent's Signature (If under age 18): _____ Date: _____

Client Services Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for applying for the 2025 Dowling Educational Scholarship. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. You will be notified in late April if you have been awarded a scholarship. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Client Services Team, by phone at 914.232.6572 ext. 110 or ext. 111 or email us at scholarships@communitycenternw.org

Katherine Vidal
Dowling Scholarship
February 19,2025

From a young age, I dreamed of becoming a doctor, and I kept this goal all the way through high school. However, as I began my freshman year at Adelphi University, I found that medicine wasn't what I expected it to be. It was during this time that I discovered my passion for nursing. My roommates, who were nursing students, shared their personal reasons for choosing this path, and I found their stories deeply inspiring. As I listened to them, I realized that nursing, with its focus on holistic care and the ability to build genuine, lasting relationships with patients, was the path that I should take.

Throughout my life, I have always been good at teamwork and collaboration. It is very satisfying for me to be present for others, especially during their most vulnerable moments. Nursing fulfills these needs, where I could spend meaningful time with patients, building trust and providing care that honors their dignity.

I have completed two years in the nursing program at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, New York. I took a year off to work and save money because I was struggling financially. I will be returning as a full-time student in August 2025. As I think about returning to school, I realize there are things I need to work on to become successful in my last two years of nursing school. I need to work on time management because going to nursing school is extremely stressful, and I have to prioritize my time to plan ahead for major exams and papers. I also need to stay resilient and persevere during nursing school. One of the things I had to learn was how to avoid the fear of failure. One of the professors at MSM had the reputation of being really strict and incompetent, with a high failure rate. When I first entered the class, I was terrified; however, as the class went on, I found I was doing very well. I made an A- in nursing chemistry. I learned from this not to prejudge my professor and not to be afraid to ask them for help when I needed it. I realized I shouldn't prejudge and give in to fear.

This scholarship will help me overcome financial obstacles in attending Mount Saint Mary College for the next two years. My sister will be going to college in the fall, and my parents have the tremendous responsibility of sending both their daughters to school. Right now, I am working two jobs to save money for school.

Activities in 2025

- **Pretester at Ossining Family Optometry**

- I help prepare patients before they see the doctor by checking their vision.
- I assist with glasses, and I help explain insurance benefits to patients.

- **Caregiver**

- I take care of a patient who is bedridden with lymphedema.
- I help by making meals, applying her treatment, and doing housework.

- **Bible Study**

- I've started studying the Bible to grow in my faith.

- **Customer Service Experience**

- I've worked at a Mexican restaurant and gained valuable experience working with customers.

- **Latin Dance Club at Adelphi University**

- I participated in a Latin Dance club where we competed with other colleges and performed at events.

- **Lector at Assumption Church**

- I read scripture aloud during church services.

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Melody Kochetta
805 Heritage Hills Unit D
Somers, New York 10589
February 17, 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to tell you of all the many fine qualities of Katherine Vidal whom I have the pleasure of knowing for the last year.

Katherine has been a care giver to me since my back operation which resulted in my ability to not be able to walk. I require some one to change me, bath me, prepare my meals and to also do a Lymphedema treatment for me. I am still a working accountant from my bed and found it very hard to depend on others. She made it easier to accept the help. Her caring and kindness is a blessing to me.

I have gotten to know Katherine and I can say without a doubt that she will make a wonderful nurse. The kind you would want a love one to take care of.

On a personal level, may I just say that I really like Katherine and have no doubt her liabilities to succeed in the future.

Very truly yours,

Melody Kochetta
914 755-9524



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Feb. 17, 2025

TO: Dowling Educational Scholarship Application 2025
Scholarships@communitycenternw.org

RE: 2025 Scholarship Application for Katherine Vidal

I am a retired college English professor with a Ph.D. from New York University. I currently work as a private tutor for students in my local community.

I have worked with Katherine Vidal over the last three years, as she has pursued her goal to obtain a nursing degree at Mt. Saint Mary's College in Newburgh, New York.

Throughout her time as a college student, Katherine has remained strongly committed to her vocational goal of nursing. I have no doubt that she will make a meaningful contribution to her field, as she has often spoken to me of her dedication to her patients and the care she takes to protect their dignity. She is a kind and caring person, whose sincerity and optimism is immediately apparent to all who know her.

Katherine has steadfastly met the challenges of Mt. Saint Mary's rigorous nursing program with fortitude and dedication, maintaining a high grade point average. During her first two years, she received an A- in Nursing Chemistry, an A in Anatomy and Physiology, and a B+ in Nursing Fundamentals.

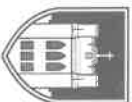
Katherine took this year off from the nursing program to work and save for her education. She has been accepted for re-admission at MSM in Fall 2025, and this scholarship will help her to achieve her goal and finish her last two years and obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Mount Saint Mary College.

I would be happy to provide any additional information about Katherine Vidal, should it be necessary.

Sincerely,

Claire Kessinger Mathey, Ph.D.

ID : 816316
Name : Katherine Adamary Vidal
SSN : XXX-XX-3325
Date : 2/17/2025



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Jannelle Haug, Registrar

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

Course Number	Title	Credits	Grade	Repeat
2023-2024 : TRANSFER CREDITS				

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY				
ART-0530	ART ELECTIVE	3.00	TA-	
BIO-0540	BIOLOGY ELECTIVE	4.00	TB	
BIO-0640	BIOLOGY ELECTIVE	4.00	TC+	
BIO-1040	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II	4.00	TB+	
CHM-0540	CHEMISTRY ELECTIVE	4.00	TB-	
CHM-0640	CHEMISTRY ELECTIVE	4.00	TC	
CHM-1080	NURSING CHEMISTRY FUNDAMENTALS	4.00	TA-	
CMA-0530	COMM ARTS ELECTIVE	3.00	TB+	
ENG-1020	FORMS OF LITERATURE	3.00	TA	
LAR-0540	LIB ART ELEC	4.00	TA	
MTH-2070	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	3.00	TC+	
MUS-0530	MUSIC ELECTIVE	3.00	TB-	
PSY-0530	PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE	3.00	TA-	
PSY-0630	PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE	3.00	TB+	
PSY-0730	PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVE	3.00	TA	
PSY-1010	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.00	TB	
SOC-1010	INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY	3.00	TA-	
THR-0530	THEATRE ELECTIVE	3.00	TB-	
Ernd	Att	HGpa	QPts	GPA
Term Totals : 61.00	61.00	0.00	0.00	0.0000
Career Totals : 61.00	61.00	0.00	0.00	0.0000

2023-2024 : TRANSFER CREDITS

WESTCHESTER COMM COLLEGE				
BIO-0740	BIOLOGY ELECTIVE	4.00	TA	
Ernd	Att	HGpa	QPts	GPA
Term Totals : 4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.0000
Career Totals : 65.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	0.0000

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

Course Number	Title	Credits	Grade	Repeat
2023-2024 : COURSE SUBSTITUTION GRANTED				

BIO-1030	ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I	4.00	S	
Ernd	Att	HGpa	QPts	GPA
Term Totals : 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0000
Career Totals : 65.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	0.0000

2023-2024 : FALL SEMESTER

BIO-2020-01	MICROBIOLOGY	4.00	W	
BIO-L202-02	LAB-MICROBIOLOGY	0	W	
ENG-1010-13	COLLEGE WRITING	3.00	C+	
NUR-1200-05	INTRO TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING	1.00	B+	
NUR-2044-03	HEALTH ASSESSMENT	4.00	C+	
Ernd	Att	HGpa	QPts	GPA
Term Totals : 8.00	8.00	8.00	19.64	2.4650
Career Totals : 73.00	73.00	8.00	19.64	2.4650

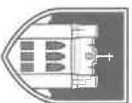
2023-2024 : SPRING SEMESTER

BIO-2020-01	MICROBIOLOGY	4.00	B	
CIT-1052-02	COMPUTER LITERACY	3.00	D+	
NUR-2024-03	FUND OF NURSING PRACTICE	4.00	B-	
NUR-3650-03	NURSING CARE OF OLDER ADULT	3.00	C	
Ernd	Att	HGpa	QPts	GPA
Term Totals : 14.00	14.00	14.00	32.67	2.3336
Career Totals : 87.00	87.00	22.00	52.31	2.3777

2024-2025 : FALL SEMESTER

HLT-3040-03	PHARMACOLOGY	3.00	W	
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Course Number	Title	Credits	Grade	Repeat
2024-2025 : FALL SEMESTER				

NUR-3051-03	MENTAL HEALTH NURSING	4.00	W	
NUR-L301-07	LAB-ADULT HEALTH NURSING I	0	W	
NUR-L305-02	LAB-MENTAL HEALTH ALTERATIONS	0	W	
Ernd Att HGpa QPts GPA				
Term Totals :		0.00	0.00	0.0000
Career Totals :		87.00	22.00	52.31 2.3777

(1) 'BACHELOR OF SCIENCE' Date Conferred :
Major(s)
NURSING

Copy of Transcript

TRANSCRIPT IS OFFICIAL WHEN IMPRINTED WITH
MULTICOLOR SEAL AND SIGNATURE.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION SHEET

This record becomes an official transcript only with the seal of the college and the signature of the registrar.

For any transcript questions, contact the Registrar's Office at (845) 569-3279.

Mount Saint Mary College is an accredited member of The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The Mount Saint Mary College CEED code is 2423.

Credits: In a 15 week semester, one credit is earned for each fifty-five minute lecture period.

Dean's List is equal to a term Quality Point Average (QPA) of 3.50.

Aquinas Scholar is awarded to Juniors and Seniors in the top 5% of class.

Ralph Scholar is awarded to Sophmores in the top 5% of class.

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OR THIRD PARTY UNDER ANY
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LETTER SYMBOLS AND QUALITY POINT INDEXES

1968 – September 1996	
A	4.0
B+	3.5
B	3.0
C+	2.5
C	2.0
D+	1.5
D	1.0
F	0.0

September 1996 - Present	
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
F	0.00

P	Passing
I	Incomplete
WP	Withdraw Passing (Before 1999)
WF	Withdraw Failing (Before 1999)
W	Withdrawn (After 1999)
AW	Administrative Withdrawal
PC	Cooperative Education – No Academic Credit
AU	Audit – No Credit

NC	No Credit – Interim Grade
T_	Transfer Credit with Grade Earned at Original Institution
TR	Transfer Credit
*	Course Repeated – Not Calculated in Career GPA
S	Course Substitution
R	Repeated Course
E	Credit Equivalent
X	Course Waived