

Kansas Respiratory Care Society

Debbie Fox Advocacy Award

**CLOSING DATE: Applications must be postmarked on or before
(March 11, 2024)**

Applications are available at: <http://www.kracs.org>

SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO:

kracsceu@cox.net

or

**Kansas Respiratory Care Society
520 E. Berry Ave.
Rose Hill, KS 67133**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

To honor the contributions in the area of leadership of one of our pioneering and respected colleagues, the Debbie Fox PACT was established. This fund allows the KRCS to mentor future leaders. The Debbie Fox PACT is given annually to a respiratory therapist who desires to attend the AARC Capitol Hill Advocacy Day and become an active member of the Political Advocacy Contact Team (PACT) on the state and national levels.

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:

A Scholarship up to \$1000 to cover:

- Flight to and from PACT
- Lodging for 2 nights (Includes the day prior to the PACT and day of PACT activities)
- Transportation to and from the airport to the PACT meeting location
- A total of \$120 towards food (no alcohol purchases will be reimbursed)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: To be considered, the applicant must:

- Be an active member of the AARC/KRCS
- Attend a KRCS Legislative Event, within the last 24 months.
- Meet with a KRCS board member to discuss current legislative activities.
- A graduate from a COARC accredited respiratory care program and employed within the respiratory care profession.
- Submit the completed application form and all attached documents in one packet emailed on or before (March 11, 2024) to krcsceu@cox.net or mailed to

Debbie Fox PACT Selection Committee
Kansas Respiratory Care Society
520 E. Berry Ave.
Rose Hill, KS 671333

If you are selected, KRCS expects:

- You will commit yourself to be available (Dates of PACT meetings).
- You will provide receipts for travel (airfare, ground transportation, and lodging) to the KRCS Treasurer for scholarship reimbursement.
- You will be representing the KRCS at the PACT meetings. Therefore, you must show up on time for meetings, dress appropriately (business), and conduct yourself professionally.
- You are required to submit content to be posted on the KRCS social media platform, about the PACT visit.
- You will be required to deliver up to a fifteen-minute presentation during the KRCS State Conference in April about your experience.

APPLICATION PACKET:

- Please submit the following items in a single packet, in this order.
 - Personal Data Sheet
 - Verification of employment
 - Essay
- Incomplete packets will not be considered.

SELECTION COMMITTEE: The Selection Committee will:

- Consist of 3 active members of the KRCS Board of Directors (BOD) including the senior delegate, the Advocate Core strategy leader and a third BOD member appointed by the president.
- Review the applications to identify the top 3 candidates based on scoring rubric.
- Interview may occur if there is a tie in the rubric.
- Notify the selected candidate(s) on or before (March 22, 2024).

NOTE: If there are questions related to the application please contact the Advocate core strategy leader, Terri Lesser (email)

Personal Data Form

Name:

Last, First, Middle

Mailing Address:

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Primary Phone

Current Address:

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Primary Phone

Email Address:

AARC/KRCS #:

Verification of Current Employment in a Respiratory Field

- Submit in PDF form, a letter of verification of current employment, from your director or supervisor, on company letterhead, with their contact information.

Essay Questions

Please answer each question in 150-250 words.

1. *Could you please share your firsthand experience of your involvement in the KRCS Legislative Event or you're meeting with a KRCS Board of Director to discuss the organization's current legislative or advocacy activities? Specifically, we would like to hear about the key highlights of the event or meeting, and any valuable insights you gained. How does this experience impact your understanding of legislative advocacy and the organization's overarching goals?*

2. Why are you interested in attending the AARC Political Advocacy Contact Team (PACT) meeting, and what leadership qualities do you possess and are willing to share with the AARC Political Advocacy Contact Team (PACT) in the future?

3. *What is the significance of advocacy in the field of respiratory therapy, and how do you believe it could positively influence the role of respiratory therapists?*