

# **The Home Care Research and Education Foundation Scholarship Fund**

## ***Important Information about Your Application and the Scholarship Process***

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Any home care worker who:

- Is currently employed by a member agency of Missouri Alliance for Home Care
- Has worked actively in home care for a minimum of one year
- Desires to pursue or further advance a home care career in nursing or in therapy
  - Examples include but are not limited to:
    - Aide to LPN, PTA, OTA
    - LPN to RN
    - RN to BSN
    - BSN to MSN
    - PTA or OTA to PT or OT
    - PT or OT to Doctorate
- Can show acceptance by or current enrollment in a school of nursing or therapy program
- Is nominated for the scholarship by the administrator or executive officer of his/her employing agency

### **What is the amount of the scholarship?**

- The Scholarship Award is up to \$1,000 per recipient per year.
- The Scholarship is payable directly to the school and may be applied only to tuition, books, and related educational expenses.

### **What are the selection criteria for the scholarship?**

- Motivation and desire to pursue or further advance a home care career in nursing or therapy
- Worthiness of the applicant, as indicated by the nominator's statement, as well as any additional support letters submitted with the application
- Priority is given to individuals who have not already received other financial assistance
- Nominees who were not awarded a scholarship are eligible to re-apply the following year
- Recipients may apply for additional year(s) of funding but must demonstrate successful completion of previous course work to be eligible for additional considerations
- Geographical distribution of scholarships may be considered by the Committee

### **What is the time frame for awarding the scholarship?**

- Applications must be received by June 1st of the award year.
- Selection will be determined by the Selection Committee and recipients will be notified promptly. (Confirmation will also be made at that time to assure the nominees remain eligible and are continuing their plan to pursue or advance their home care nursing or therapy education.)
- Public announcement of all awards will be published in the Missouri Alliance for Home Care's newsletter, *E-Alliance Extra* in the summer of each year. MAHC member companies may submit an application for one candidate per year.

Additional Scholarship funds may be available from the National Association for Home Care (NAHC) for NAHC member companies. Please contact the MAHC office for further information. *If you have questions related to the above information, you may contact Carol Hudspeth at 573-634-7772 or by email at carol@homecaremissouri.org.*

# Home Care Research and Education Foundation

## APPLICATION FORM

The Home Care Research and Education Foundation Scholarship has been established to encourage home care workers to pursue or further advance careers in nursing or therapy. The scholarship fund's purpose is to address the shortage of home care nurses and therapists in our state, to increase opportunities for home care workers, and to assure high caliber care at home. Each member agency of the Missouri Alliance for Home Care may submit one application each year for this scholarship of up to \$1,000.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT ALL PARTS OF THIS FORM  
Only completed applications will be considered.**

### Home Care Worker Applicant:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Care Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

School **term and year** for which application is made: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Applicant is currently enrolled or has been accepted to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Accredited School

Have you applied for or received other financial assistance including employer contributions?

Yes  No

If yes, please specify what type and amount of assistance. \_\_\_\_\_

The selection committee will choose the scholarship winners with criteria that include motivation to become a nurse or therapist or to further advance their nursing or therapy education, letters of support, and the strength of the application. To be eligible for the scholarship the applicant must be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited school of nursing (- LPN, RN, BSN or MSN) or therapy program (PTA, COTA, entry level or Doctorate PT, OT or SLP) in Missouri or contiguous states, currently employed by a member agency of the Missouri Alliance for Home Care, and must have a minimum of one year of home care experience. **Application deadline is June 1, 2016.**

Scholarship checks are written to the school upon presentation of an invoice with a balance due or other costs directly related to educational expenses.



**Sponsor Narrative:**

*You may use as much space and additional pieces of paper as you like to answer the following:*

I am nominating \_\_\_\_\_ for a scholarship because.....  
*(name of applicant)*

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the applicant: Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ PRN \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Current Position \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit with application:**

- *Documentation verifying the student will be attending the school indicated in the year noted on page one of the application.*
- *Applicant's narrative describing the reasons for wanting to become a nurse or therapist or to further advance their current nursing or therapy education or degree*
- *Applicant's narrative describing how they plan to use their new or advanced nursing or therapy education in their homecare career*
- *Sponsor's narrative in support of the scholarship application.*
- *Other letters of support from co-workers or the community. Additional letters of support are strongly encouraged to assist the Selection Committee.*

APPLICATION DEADLINE June 1, 2016

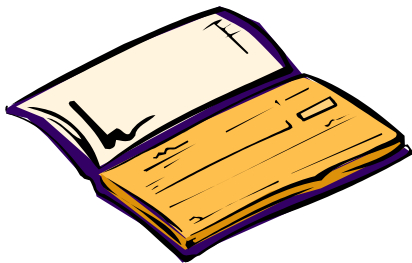
Mail all applications to: The Home Care Research and Education Foundation  
2420 Hyde Park Road, Suite A  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

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# Need a Scholarship?

## We might have one for you!

Are you a home care worker pursuing or advancing a career in nursing or therapy?



*The Home Care Research and Education Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for 2016. DEADLINE IS June 1, 2016*

Applications and Guidelines -  
[www.homecaremissouri.org](http://www.homecaremissouri.org)

Click on Foundation located on the left hand side of our home page

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# *2015 Home Care Foundation Scholarship Winners*

## *Amber Towe*

Amber was chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Amber is currently a Registered Nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Missouri. She has worked for the VNA for the last 10 years. Ever since Amber could remember she was passionate about caring for others and wanted to be a nurse. She plans to use her \$1000 scholarship to further her nursing dream and obtain her BSN. Nursing isn't just a career to Amber, it is her life.

## *Christina Greer*

Christina was chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Christina is currently employed with AW Healthcare where she has been an LPN for 7 years. The thought of doing anything other than nursing has never crossed her mind. She wanted to advance her education by seeking an RN degree. With this scholarship Christina will further advance her knowledge so she can continue to impact the lives of patients and others around her.

## *Kristine Kellerman*

Kristine was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Kristine works for Maxim Healthcare as an LPN. The scholarship will help her achieve her goal of being a Registered Nurse. She hopes that with her nursing degree she will learn new techniques and help her to better care for her patients. She has a true passion for nursing and is a great asset to her company and clients.

## *Patricia Young*

Patricia was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Patricia has been an LPN for the past 29 years and currently works at Village Home Health in Lee's Summit, MO. Patricia said that nursing is her passion and her heart's biggest desire is to become a Registered Nurse and a Case Manager. Suffering through her own physical trauma helped her understand how her patients may be feeling and it has helped her understand how to care for them.