

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 a career in nursing or in therapy
- 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 generally 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 a 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 April 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 nursing or therapy education.)
- Public announcement of all awards will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Alliance for Home Care in the spring 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 Ann Bickel at 573-634-7772 or by email at ann@homecaremissouri.org.

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APPLICATION FORM

The Home Care Research and Education Foundation Scholarship has been established to encourage home care workers to pursue 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: _____

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 includes motivation to become a nurse or therapist, 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 (RN or LPN) or therapy (PT, OT, Speech) 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 April 1, 2010.**

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

Home Care Worker Narrative:

Your narrative is of primary importance in helping the selection committee make their decision. You may use as much space and additional pieces of paper as you like.

I would like to become a nurse or therapist because....

Sponsor Narrative:

I am nominating this home care worker for a scholarship because...

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.*
- *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 APRIL 1, 2010

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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