

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 10th**.
- 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.

If you have questions related to the above information, you may contact Jeanne Blomberg at 573-634-7772 or by email at Education@mahcmail.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 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: _____ City, State, 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 his/her 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, a contiguous state, or an accredited online program regardless of state affiliation, be 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 now is June 10, 2024.

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 Applicant 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 needed to answer each of the following questions:

1. I would like to become a nurse or therapist OR I would like to further advance my nursing or therapy education because. . . .

2. Describe how you will use your new or advanced education in nursing or therapy in your home care career.

Sponsor Narrative:

You may use as much space and additional pieces of paper as needed 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 his/her current nursing or therapy education or degree*
- *Applicant's narrative describing how he/she plans to use his/her new or advanced nursing or therapy education in his/her 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 10, 2024

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 your career in nursing or therapy?



The Home Care Research and Education Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for 2024.

DEADLINE IS June 10, 2024

Applications and Guidelines -

www.homecaremissouri.org

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2023 Home Care Foundation Scholarship Winner

Shíree Sherrill

Shiree was chosen to receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship in 2023. Currently a RN Case Manager at Benton County Health Department-Home Health, Shiree wants to further advance her nursing education in order to grow as a nurse and leader in her field. She is pursuing her BSN and possibly her MSN in the future and feels these achievements would grow her knowledge in case management as well as several other areas of nursing. Shiree says, "Not only is providing patients the best quality care important, but so is documenting and reviewing outcomes to ensure care is appropriate and effective. Shiree is hoping with additional education she will be further skilled in professional nursing and act as an example of teamwork, compassion and professionalism in her department.

