

# 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**.
- 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 [abby@mahcmail.org](mailto:abby@mahcmail.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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 is June 1, 2021.**

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 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 1, 2021**

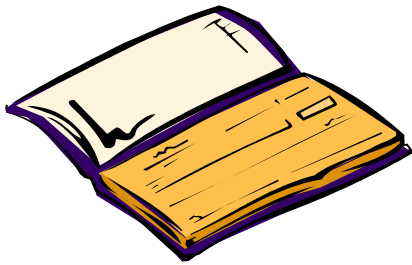
Mail all applications to: The Home Care Research and Education Foundation  
2420 Hyde Park Road, Suite A  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

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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 2021.*

*DEADLINE IS June 1, 2021*

**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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# 2020 Home Care Foundation Scholarship Winners

## Angela Courtney

Angela was chosen to receive a \$1000.00 scholarship in 2020. Currently a RN with Lewis County Health Department & Home Health Agency, Angela began her career in health care right out of high school, by enrolling in Certified Nursing Aide classes. Angela says, "Patient care was extremely fulfilling for me", therefore she decided to go further with her education and start nursing school. Angela desires to complete her BSN so she can work towards teaching students and the community. Angela feels that part of patient care is teaching the patient and the family about the illness and what to expect. Angela says, "Not only are we providing care for the patient, we are also taking care of the family/loved ones".

## Erin Little

Erin was chosen to receive a \$500.00 scholarship in 2020. Erin is currently a Case Manager Home Health/Supervisory Nurse with Hannibal Regional Home Health. Erin sets an example for others with her ability to complete her work in a timely manner and by using her leadership skills for the agency by being a resource to other staff members. Erin says, "I want to provide a higher level of care to my patients" and will use the knowledge gained to improve patient outcomes as well as lead and guide clinicians in the care of their patients.

## Hannah Fox

Hannah was chosen to receive a \$500.00 scholarship in 2020. Currently a Support Services Manager with Ozarks Medical Center Home Care, Hannah aspires to advance her nursing career and opportunities with her employer. Hannah says, "I feel like Home Care has always been where my heart is at". Hannah plans to use this opportunity for continued education to help others grow and pursue their dreams, just like she is for herself. Hannah says, "I feel that going back to school will help me in my current role & open new opportunities".

