

# 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.

*If you have questions related to the above information, you may contact Abby Havens 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 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, 2018.**

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, 2018

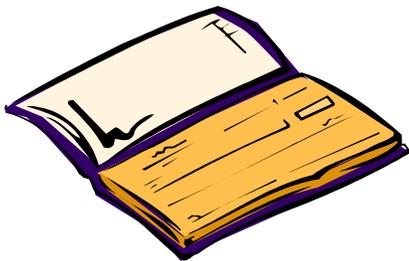
Mail all applications to: The Home Care Research and Education Foundation  
2420 Hyde Park Road, Suite A  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

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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 2018.  
DEADLINE IS June 1, 2018*

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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# *2017 Home Care Foundation Scholarship Winners*

## *April Schweizer*

April was chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Through her work as an administrator for Help at Home, LLC, she sees a need for strong nurse leaders who understand the many new processes in the ever-changing environment of health care, and are able to implement those processes through the nursing staff. By pursuing her master's degree in nursing leadership at Missouri Western State University, she hopes to develop the skills necessary to lead other nurses through the changing health care climate and provide improved outcomes to the underserved population.

## *Maegan Wilton*

Maegan was chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Maegan's lifelong goal was to become a nurse, and her work as a homemaker aid for Phelps County Regional Home Care has strengthened that desire. She finds a way to apply skills and techniques she learns in nursing school to her daily life, and takes personal satisfaction in being able to positively and therapeutically improve people's lives during some of their hardest struggles. Having been accepted at both Lincoln University and Drury University, she hopes to narrow her focus and is strongly considering work as a nurse practitioner in emergency medicine.