



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2014 GUIDANCE

For the thirteenth year, Kansans wishing to improve their education and skills may apply for the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation (KHERF) scholarships “Encouraging Excellence.” Two organizations partner with KHERF to assist Kansans in pursuing education in any discipline of patient care or administration: the Kansas Association of Health Care Executives (KAHCE) and the Kansas Hospital Human Resources’ Association (KHHRA). Individuals pursuing a degree or certificate in health information management systems are supported by the Kansas Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (KHIMSS).

OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Nursing:** Applications will be accepted in this category from individuals seeking an undergraduate degree in nursing. (KHERF)
- **Graduate:** Any individual pursuing any discipline in health care is eligible to apply. (KHERF)
- **Future Faculty:** Individuals interested in becoming an undergraduate or graduate faculty member at a nursing or allied health program are encouraged to apply. (KHERF)
- **Other Health Care:** Applications accepted from those seeking degrees or certifications in other health care. (KHERF)
- **Health Care Administration:** Future health care leaders are eligible to apply. (KAHCE)
- **Human Resources:** Those pursuing a health care human resource degree are encouraged to apply. (KHHRA)
- **Health Information Technology:** Applications accepted from those seeking degrees or certification in an HIT-related technical field. (KSHIMSS)

PRIORITY:

- Professions and geographic areas experiencing shortages in Kansas.
- Individuals committed to pursuing their health care career in Kansas.
- Individuals currently working in a Kansas community hospital.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a part-time or full-time course of study leading to a certificate, degree or credential not currently held. The school may be a Kansas area technical school or two-or four-year institution with a health care program that is accredited by their respective governing body. Pre-med and medical students are not eligible. In order to receive the award, a chosen student will be required to show proof of acceptance into a program.
- An applicant who attends an out-of-state institution may be considered eligible if the school is the closest one to their home that provides the desired program.
- An applicant may obtain their degree online provided the educational program is fully recognized and accredited by the United States Department of Education. Documentation of the program’s accreditation must be provided at the time of application.

SELECTION AND AWARDS:

- The KHERF Scholarship Review Committee will review the applications and select the recipients.
- Each individual may apply annually.
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution.
- KHERF awards scholarships without regard to race, religion, creed, age, sex or national origin. KHERF is an equal opportunity grantor.
- All applicants will be notified by June 30. KHERF does not provide explanations regarding denials.
- Limit of one award per person. Honorable mention honorees will also be selected and recognized.



2014 APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Current Employer: _____

Employer's City, State: _____

Current Position: _____

Number of Years in Current Position: _____ Number of Years in Health Care Field: _____

Degree or Certification Sought: _____

School: _____

I have already been accepted into my desired program: Yes _____ No _____

Categories: (limit of two per applicant):

_____ Nursing Scholarship (KHERF)

_____ GraduateScholarship (KHERF)

_____ Future Faculty Scholarship (KHERF)

_____ Other Health Care Scholarship (KHERF)

_____ Health Care AdministrationScholarship (KAHCE)

_____ Hospital Human Resources Scholarship (KHHRA)

_____ Health Information Technology Scholarship (KSHIMSS)

Leadership Questions: (Submit each answer on a separate sheet of paper):

1. Excellence: Essay on the topic "I will pursue excellence in health care by" Include how you see yourself impacting the quality of health care (maximum 500-words).
2. Goals: Describe your health care goals and why you have chosen this education program.

I certify that all the information included in this application is true and accurate.

Signature

Check List: Attach the following to the application form, in the order listed:

1. Answers to Leadership Questions.
2. Description of education program, start date and location (may be reproduced from course catalog).
3. Letter of reference from supervisor or faculty member (may be mailed separately).
4. Complete transcript for course work (unofficial copy accepted).
5. Employment history/resume.

Deadline: Materials must be postmarked or e-mailed by March 31. Submit materials to: KHERF, 215 SE 8th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3906 or scunningham@kha-net.org.