# Health Care Career Scholarship Program

# your health care career is within reach



Health care is a growing and technologically advanced industry. Hospitals across the country, especially in rural states like Nebraska, are experiencing a severe shortage of health care professionals. There are more than 100 different health care professions and it is one of the fastest growing fields of occupation. Put your career aspirations within reach and apply for a scholarship.

### Graduate Studies Tuition Aid Program

This scholarship is awarded to students pursuing a graduate degree in health care at an accredited college or university or an accredited institution offering online degree programs. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist with tuition and academic expenses in the form of a one-time award of \$3,000 for an academic year for eight individuals. Applicants pursuing a graduate degree in health care administration are preferred. **REVISED CRITERIA**: Applicants must be employed by a member hospital of the **Nebraska Hospital Association for at least 2 years, and the scholarship can be received only once**. Scholarships are limited to no more than one recipient from the same hospital per year. Scholarship payments are made directly to the educational institution.

# Undergraduate Health Care Career Scholarship Program

Considering the importance and complexities of high-quality health care in today's society, it is critical for bright, talented people to be encouraged to pursue professions in the field. With that in mind, the NHA Research and Educational Foundation offers the Undergraduate Health Care Career Scholarship Program, designed for students interested a career in health care. These scholarships support the future leaders in their efforts to earn a high-quality education. This one-time scholarship is available to any student enrolled in an accredited program leading to a bachelor's degree, certification or registration in a health care career. Approved programs include, but are not limited to, nursing, radiological technology, clinical medical technology or physical therapy.

Ten recipients are selected to receive \$1,000 for the academic year. **REVISED CRITERIA: Applicants must be employed by a member hospital of the Nebraska Hospital Association for at least 2 years**, and the scholarship can be received only once. Scholarships are limited to no more than one recipient from the same hospital per year. Scholarship payments will be made directly to the educational institution. Undergraduate scholarship recipients may apply again for the graduate studies tuition aid program scholarship.

# NHA Research and Educational Foundation

The NHA Research and Educational Foundation is the charitable arm of the Nebraska Hospital Association. Funds raised by the Foundation help to accomplish the charitable care objectives of the Association and provide resources for enhanced patient care and education.

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Download scholarship application forms: nebraskahospitals.org/education/scholarships.html





It takes a SPECIAL person to answer the call to enter a health profession someone whose medical knowledge and SKILLED HANDS bring HEALING and HOPE when they are needed the most.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Question:

Are the children of NHA member hospital employees eligible?

#### Answer:

No. The individual applying for the scholarship must be the one employed by the NHA member hospital.

#### **Question:**

I am planning on starting classes in the fall. Am I still eligible?

#### Answer:

Yes. If you have been accepted by the institution and enrolled in the program.

#### **Question:**

Am I eligible if I am taking a single course?

#### Answer:

This scholarship is intended for completing coursework that results in achieving a health care degree or certification. You would be eligible if this single course would result in receiving a degree or certification, and the fee is not significantly less than the scholarship award amount.

#### Question:

I am not employed by an NHA member hospital, but the hospital's clinic. Am I still eligible?

#### Answer:

Yes. If the clinic is owned by the hospital.

#### **Question:**

Do you offer loan forgiveness?

#### Answer:

No. Our focus is awarding scholarships to assist those to working toward completion of their education.

#### **Question:**

I will be graduating in August. Am I still eligible for the scholarship?

#### Answer:

You are not eligible unless you are continuing your education for at least another full semester since the scholarship monies are distributed in August directly to the educational institution, intended for tuition for the beginning of the academic year.

#### **Question:**

I am currently in the active military with the possibility of deployment during the next year. Am I still eligible for the scholarship?

#### Answer:

Yes. Scholarship monies are sent directly to the educational institution. As long as you are an enrolled student, the funds will be available through the institution's financial aid office and can be carried over until the completion of your deployment. If your academic status changes (i.e. you were no longer a student), the scholarship funds would be forfeited and returned by the institution to the NHA Foundation.

# Do you have the HEART and DRIVE it takes to make a difference through a health care career?

The work isn't easy, but the rewards last a lifetime and help improve the quality of life for others.

Nebraska's hospitals are dedicated to improving the health and well-being of their patients and their communities. Providers are privileged to improve the health and welfare of every person that is within their reach, invest in the future of health care's workforce and serve the health needs of the communities of Nebraska.



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