

ILLINOIS HOSA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO CONTINUE OR FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION IN THE HEALTH CARE FIELD.

The scholarship committee will make the final decision on scholarship recipients.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Applicant must be a high school senior or post-secondary student enrolled in or successfully completed an approved Illinois Health Occupations Students of America health occupations program.
- b. Applicant must be an active member in good standing in their local HOSA chapter.
- c. Applications must be postmarked by midnight, February 15.
- d. Applications are to be mailed to the Director of Scholarships: Millie Gromoll, 340 S. Delmar Avenue, Decatur, Illinois 62522.

2. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of the scholarship recipients shall be based on the following:

- a. **Scholastic achievement:** The transcript of the applicant must accompany the application. Transcript must reflect a grade point average of a “C” or above.
- b. **HOSA Involvement:** Includes offices held, honor or awards, conferences attended.
- c. **Extracurricular Activities and Leadership:** (other than HOSA) Submit a list of high school activities, including offices held, honors, or awards.
- d. **Health Care Field Work or Volunteer Experience:** Submit the name(s) of health care places in which applicant worked or volunteered, within the last three years, including duties, responsibilities, and average hours per week.
- e. **Community Involvement and Leadership:** (other than health-related activities) Submit a list of community services in which applicant was involved in the last three years. Describe community service, volunteer experience, offices held, honors, or awards.
- f. **Letters of Recommendation:** A total of three (3) letters are required. Sources of the recommendations must be selected from the following categories. At least one letter of recommendation must be presented by a source named in category A or B.

Category A: HOSA Advisor, a science teacher, principal, or Health Occupations Instructor

Category B: An employer or volunteer supervisor/coordinator, community leader

Category C: any other source (non-related)

Letters of recommendation should reflect aspects such as applicant's personality, character, leadership abilities, interpersonal skills, integrity, and potential in the health profession.

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- g. **Essay:** The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and stated in 350 words or less. Topic: "Why I Selected My Health Care Career". The candidate is to discuss the reason(s) for which they chose their health care field, career, and expectations.

3. REIMBURSEMENT

Immediately upon completion of their first semester (or term) as a full-time student, (must carry a minimum of 12 hours) an official transcript must be sent to the Director of Finances: Millie Gromoll, 340 S. Delmar Ave, Decatur, IL. 62522

The transcript must reflect a grade point average of a "C" or above

Once the above requirements have been met, the Director of Finances will send the scholarship reimbursement to the college or school identified by the transcript.