SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2015 GUIDANCE

For the 14th year, Kansans wishing to improve their education and skills may apply for the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation (KHERF) scholarships “Encouraging Excellence.” Three 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**: undergraduate students in nursing
- **Graduate**: graduate level students in any health care discipline
- **Future Faculty**: students pursuing education necessary to become health care faculty
- **Health Care**: undergraduate students in non-nursing health care fields
- **Health Care Administration**: students in health care administration (KAHCE)
- **Human Resources**: students in hospital human resource related fields (KHHRA)
- **Health IT**: students in a technical HIT-related field (KHIMSS)

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. The reasoning for choosing an out-of-state institution must be explained in the answer to the goals question.
- 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 only 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.

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.
Name: ___________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________

City/Zip: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Email 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 (undergraduate)
____ Graduate Scholarship
____ Future Faculty Scholarship
____ Health Care Scholarship (non-nursing undergraduate)
____ Health Care Administration Scholarship
____ Hospital Human Resources Scholarship
____ Health IT Scholarship

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.

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Signature

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

1. Answers to Leadership Questions.
2. Documentation of the program's accreditation.
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 or volunteer community service.

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