



# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2016 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:

- **Future Faculty:** students pursuing the final courses necessary to become health care faculty
- **Graduate:** graduate level students in any health care discipline
- **Health Care Administration:** students in health care administration (KAHCE)
- **Hospital Human Resources:** students in hospital human resource related field (KHHRA)
- **Health IT:** students in a technical HIT-related field (KSHIMSS)
- **Undergraduate Health Care:** undergraduate students in non-nursing health care fields
- **Undergraduate Nursing:** undergraduate students in nursing

## ELIGIBILITY:

- Kansas resident committed to pursuing their health care career in Kansas.
- Part-time or full-time student in a health care course of study leading to a certificate, degree or credential not currently held. Proof of acceptance into the chosen career program will be required in order to receive the award.
- Attending a Kansas educational institution, including technical, two-or four-year institution. An exception may be given for an accredited online or out-of-state program if the reason for choosing such an institution is explained in the answer to the goals question.
- Attending a health care program that is accredited by their respective governing body.
- Pre-med and medical students are not eligible.
- Priority will be given to individuals currently working in any Kansas community hospital, especially a hospital that is licensed for 25 or fewer acute beds.

## 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.



# 2016 APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Health Care Field: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

The degree or certification is considered:      Undergraduate      Graduate

I have: Applied to the Program      Been Accepted into the Program      Not Applied to the Program

**Identify one Primary and one Secondary Category for which you'd like to be considered:**

Future Faculty	Primary	Secondary
Graduate	Primary	Secondary
Health Care Administration	Primary	Secondary
Hospital Human Resources	Primary	Secondary
Health IT	Primary	Secondary
Undergraduate Health Care (non-nursing)	Primary	Secondary
Undergraduate Nursing	Primary	Secondary

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

1. Describe your health care career goals and why you have chosen this education program.
2. Leadership Question: (Answer either A or B. Maximum of 500 words)
  - A. "I will pursue excellence in health care by ...." Include how you see yourself impacting the quality of health care OR
  - B. What innovation do you see coming to your chosen field or health care delivery in general?
3. Letter of reference from supervisor or faculty member (may be mailed separately).
4. Transcript(s) from appropriate educational institutions (unofficial copy accepted).
5. Employment history/resume or volunteer community service.

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

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Signature

**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](mailto:scunningham@kha-net.org).