

HIMSS-NCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Health Information Management System Society National Capitol Area Chapter Scholarship Program

The HIMSS-NCA scholarship is awarded annually to students studying in the health management, health information or information systems management field. Scholarships awards are based on academic achievement and participation in health information or information systems management industry.

Degree Program Scholarships:

- Graduate Program Scholarship
- Undergraduate Program Scholarship
- Associate Program Scholarship

Eligibility

- Active enrollment in a DC-metro area accredited university fulfilling the requirements for a health management, health information or management-systems degree
- A grade point average of 3.0 or better

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Meets or exceeds grade point of 3.0
- Quality of recommendations
- Quality of essay
- Professional achievements
- Participation in HIMSS or other related health or information systems professional association

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2010.

Please send completed application packages to:

HIMSS-NCA Scholarship
c/o Ann Kenny
6486 Lake Meadow Drive
Burke, VA 22015

Award recipients will be selected and notified in May 2010.

Application Checklist

- ___ Complete application
- ___ Official transcripts (Through Fall of 2009)
- ___ Three (3) letters of recommendation
- ___ Personal statement
- ___ 500-word essay
- ___ Professional association proof of membership

Scholarship Applying for:

- ___ Graduate Program Scholarship
- ___ Undergraduate Program Scholarship
- ___ Associate Program Scholarship

Personal Data

Name _____
Permanent Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
Mailing/School Address (if different from above)

Current Educational Enrollment

___ Graduate ___ Undergraduate ___ Associate

Program Name _____
Academic Advisor _____
Department _____
School _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Course Work

Please list targeted course work for your upcoming academic year

Official Transcripts and Academic Achievement

An official transcript from each educational institution you have attended must be provided. These transcripts are required regardless of the length of stay at the institution. Complete the following information:

Institution _____ Degree Program _____
Dates of Attendance _____ Overall GPA _____ Major _____

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Letters of Recommendation

- Include (3) letters of recommendation with your application.
- Each letter should compare the student in the following ways:
 - Technical skills
 - Communication skills
 - Leadership abilities
 - Overall scholarship/aptitude
- One letter must be from your academic advisor, or school official.
- The letters of recommendation should include the recommender's position, if applicable, courses taught to the applicant.
- Each letter must be sealed and should be mailed by the recommender or signed across the sealed portion by the individual whose signature appears on the enclosed letter.

Professional Achievement and Academic Society Activity

Please list professional or academic societies or associations to which you belong. Indicate whether the organization is related to healthcare information management systems.

Society or Association _____ Healthcare related? ____ YES ____ NO
Office held _____ Dates of service _____

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Office held _____ Dates of service _____

Leadership/Communication

Please list any personal achievements or extracurricular involvement in organizations outside of professional or academic organizations. Indicate the offices that you hold or have held.

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Additional accomplishments: _____

Personal Essay

Please submit a short essay of no more than 500 words (two pages) that addresses:

- Why you have chosen this field? (1/2 page)
- Why information management/information technology (IM/IT) is important to healthcare today? (1/2 page)
- A discussion of a major issue facing the healthcare community today and how IM/IT can address the issue. (1 page)

Personal Statement

I certify that all of the information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that applicants may be disqualified if false information is submitted. I understand that all material submitted becomes the property of HIMSS and will not be returned.

Signature _____
Date Submitted _____