

Student Scholarship Program – Windom Area Health Foundation

Thank you for your interest in the Windom Area Health Foundation Student Scholarship Program. The Foundation scholarship program was established in 2007 to support students committed to pursuing a career in healthcare or a mental health related field. Scholarships are awarded throughout a competitive process to cover the cost of eligible school-related expenses. Since 2007, 127 scholarships have been awarded to local students, many of whom are employed in our region. In 2025, the Foundation will award one \$5,000 scholarship, two \$2,500 scholarships, and three \$1,000 scholarships. These scholarships are made possible from generous donors.

Eligibility

The scholarship application is open to high school seniors or current post-secondary students who:

- Have been accepted into or are enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution with a commitment toward a healthcare-related field of study
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher for \$1,000 awards, or 3.5 or higher for \$2,500+ awards
- Are located in Cottonwood County or its surrounding adjacent counties.

Application Instructions

Submissions will be accepted **February 4 – March 18**. Submissions from high-school seniors must be turned in to your school Guidance Counselor; post-secondary students should turn them in directly to Katie Greener, Director of Foundation & Auxiliary. All components must be electronically filled out.

Submissions require:

- Application Cover Sheet.** Electronically fill out the contact information.
- Official transcript.** Submit an official high school or post-secondary transcript that includes your GPA. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
- College enrollment documentation.** You must provide official proof of acceptance (official letter or email) or proof of current enrollment at an accredited post-secondary institution for a healthcare-related program.
- Reference forms.** Submit two or three (see requirements below) reference forms from individuals who can speak to your leadership abilities, integrity, community service involvement, and/or commitment to study a field related to healthcare. References cannot be friends or family members.
- Scholarship Essay.** Include a two-page max essay where you address your reasons for choosing a healthcare profession, your career goals after graduation, the likelihood of returning to the local area for employment, and ways that you demonstrate the award criteria of leadership, integrity, and community service. Essay must be typed, double-spaced, and 12-point font.

\$1,000 Scholarship Consideration

- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- **Two** reference forms:
 - One from a teacher
 - One from an adult such as a coach, supervisor, pastor, or adult mentor

\$2,500+ Scholarship Consideration

- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- **Three** reference forms:
 - One from a teacher
 - Two from adults such as a coach, supervisor, pastor, or adult mentor

Award-Winning Criteria

Award-winning applicants will be scored based on leadership, integrity, community service, and a commitment to follow a course of study related to healthcare. The Foundation Board of Directors will review applications and announce awards by late April.

Scholarship awards will be paid out during the first month of the second semester, applied directly to the student's account balance through their Financial Aid Office. Proof of official enrollment in a healthcare related field and eligible expenses (tuition, books, and fees; other expenses will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis) will be required for disbursement of award. If a student changes his/her degree to a non-healthcare field, s/he would forfeit the disbursement of funds and become ineligible.

Questions about the Scholarship Program? Visit windomareahealth.org or contact:

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