St. Catherine Hospital Auxiliary
2024-2025 Undergraduate Scholarship
Program Guidelines

I.   FUNDING

Funds are made available for the scholarship program through money raised by St. Catherine Hospital Auxiliary members and various activities, including the Wings of Healing Program.

II.   PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The one-year scholarship competitive program is designed to offer scholarships to students who are pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree in the healthcare field. Applicants must reside in the St. Catherine Hospital primary service areas of East Chicago, Hammond, Hessville and Whiting.

The program will allow students the opportunity to receive financial assistance to reach their goals. Scholarships are based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, service to others, work experience and a written essay.

III.   WHO MAY APPLY?

All employees of St. Catherine Hospital and Auxiliary members who have at least one year of service; and dependents of St. Catherine Hospital and Auxiliary members (ages 17-22).

Students (17-22 years old) who will be pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree in a healthcare program may apply if they currently have a cumulative and current grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Students must demonstrate community and work involvement. Students must be a U.S. citizen residing within the service areas of East Chicago, Hammond, Hessville and Whiting, and a graduate of either Bishop Noll Institute, East Chicago Central High School, Hammond Central High School, Morton Senior High School or Whiting High School.

The service areas and/or high school requirements will be waived for St. Catherine Hospital employees, Auxiliary members and their dependents (17-22 years old).

IV.   SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships will be decided by the Scholarship Review Committee. Scholarships will be made based on the program funds available. The scholarship disbursements will be payable to the institution and will be forwarded to the applicant.

The second disbursement request must be made no later than Jan. 31, 2025.

- ➢ Proof of enrollment in the healthcare field (class registration and schedule).
- ➢ Academic progress (present grades — must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better. Only official transcripts from the school you are attending will be accepted.
- ➢ Community volunteer service hours — 10 hours required from the semester.
- ➢ All documents must be submitted in a sealed envelope at one time.
- ➢ No emails or faxes accepted.
- ➢ If all documentation is not received by Jan. 31, 2025, the second payment will not be issued.

All scholarship funds must be used during the current school year; unused funds will be placed back into the scholarship fund account and unavailable for distribution.

Successful scholarship recipients are eligible to reapply for this scholarship in subsequent years, recognizing that automatic renewal of such award is not guaranteed.

V.   APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants may only apply to one Community Healthcare System hospital (Community Hospital, St. Catherine Hospital or St. Mary Medical Center, Community Stroke and Rehabilitation Center) for a scholarship.
All completed applications must be accompanied by the following:

1. School transcripts of grades and coursework demonstrating good academic standing

2. Letter of acceptance from the educational institution applicant is planning to attend (high school applicants only)

3. Two (2) letters of recommendation in support of your application — one from a current instructor and one from another source (church, employer, etc.); letters from relatives are not acceptable.

4. A photocopy of the employee's/Auxiliary member's badge (Employee/Auxiliary members and dependents only)

5. One-page typed essay about your healthcare goals, community service involvement, work experiences and any honors or awards you have received

6. An application must be completed at the time of submission, the applicant will not be considered for a scholarship if an application is missing or incomplete. Use "N/A" (nonapplicable) in any section that does not apply to your application. Do not leave any spaces blank.