



MANA Charitable Foundation Scholarship Application Criteria and Guidelines

MANA is an independent network of over 70 physicians and providers in the Northwest Arkansas area with over 11 locations. Our physicians are owners of their practices and have a vested interest in the quality of care and services provided. Our commitment is reflected in the compassionate care you will find at each clinic, the comprehensive list of services, and the advanced healthcare technology available through MANA.

The MANA Charitable Foundation is pleased to offer scholarship support for students in allied health programs in Washington and Benton Counties of Arkansas. Allied health programs include, but are not limited to, radiology technologist, clinical laboratory scientist, nursing, and respiratory therapy. The Foundation focuses on professions within the healthcare sector that are currently underserved, to help attract qualified candidates in these fields. The scholarship is intended to cover books, fees and similar expenses for students in qualified educational programs.

The Grantmaking Committee at the Fayetteville Community Foundation will evaluate all applicants. In order to qualify for a scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited allied health program;
- Be a resident of Washington or Benton County in Arkansas, or enrolled in an allied health program in Washington or Benton County in Arkansas;
- Demonstrated past academic achievement;
- Provide two confidential letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a college professor or advisor on official school letterhead; family members may not write a recommendation letter. Letters must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with signature of person completing the reference across the seal and must be included with the application packet;
- Demonstrate personal motivation for excellence in both character and academic achievement. Personal integrity, as exemplified by leadership, community involvement, and concern for others, will be considered;
- Possess a desire to practice in Washington or Benton County in Arkansas;
- Candidate may be called for a personal interview;
- Under certain circumstances including, but not limited to early withdrawal, scholarship money may be forfeited;
- Ensure that the scholarship application has been completed and signed and application deadline met.

The MANA Charitable Foundation does not discriminate in its policies on the basis of race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, sex or religious belief. Payment of funds is conditional upon documentation of entry and good standing in an accredited program.

Financial need will not be the primary consideration but may be a factor in the final selection process. Completion of an application does not guarantee the receipt of a scholarship. Preference may be given to previous MANA Charitable Foundation Murray T. Harris Scholarship awardees.

Application Materials Required:

- Completed Application Form
- Two Letters of Reference. Letters must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with signature of person completing the reference across the seal and must be included with the application packet.
- Official Transcript from most recently attended school.
- Brief statement (200 words or less) describing your motivation for entering your chosen health field/program.
- **All application materials should be included in one envelope.**

Please return completed application and all required materials to:

MANA Charitable Foundation
Attn: Katie Watts
3383 N. MANA Court, Suite 201
Fayetteville, AR 72703
Ph: (479)571-6780 Fax: (479)571-6770

Application Deadline is June 19, 2009

Applications received after that date will not be considered.