

2008 Scholarship Opportunities from WHIMA **By Michelle Magedanz, RHIT**

There are scholarships available to those members who are interested in pursuing their education in the HIM field, members pursuing graduate education and for members needing financial assistance for professional development. ¹

Outlined below are the 2008 scholarship opportunities. You will find information regarding the kinds of scholarships being offered, requirements, and the scholarship application procedure and deadlines.

Undergraduate Scholarship - \$100-\$1000

Requirements:

- *Must be a student member of American Health Information Management Association, Inc and the Wisconsin Health Information Management Association.
- *Must be enrolled in an accredited Health Information Administration program or Health Information Technology program. Scholarship to be granted for those students who have successfully completed the first semester of their program.
- *Must document a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
- *Must complete the application procedure.

Scholarship Application Procedure:

1. The completed application and essay must be submitted by March 10, 2008.
2. Official college transcripts must accompany the application.
3. Evidence of any student memberships is required.
4. Forward the scholarship application and essay to:

WHIMA Director/Finance
WHIMA
2350 South Avenue, Suite 107
La Crosse, WI 54601-6272
Scholarship Application
For Undergraduate Education

Karen Kohler Past President Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Requirements:

- *Must be an active member of WHIMA.
- *Must be enrolled in an accredited graduate degree program
- *Must have made contributions showing leadership, innovation and creativity within the HIM profession.

Scholarship Application Procedure:

1. The completed application should be submitted by March 15, 2008 and include:
 - *Cover letter of application containing career goals and objectives
 - *Proof of WHIMA Membership
 - *Official transcript (s)

2. Forward the scholarship application and materials to:
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2350 South Avenue, Suite 107
La Crosse, WI 54601-6272
Scholarship Application
For Karen Kohler Past President Memorial Scholarship

Established Professional Scholarship - \$100- \$1000

Requirements:

- *Must be active member of WHIMA and AHIMA
- *Evidence of attendance at continuing education program and personal payment for program or successful completion of credentialing examination
- *Must complete the application procedure
- *Professional or personal references

Scholarship Application Procedure:

1. The completed application and essay must be submitted by September 1, 2008.
2. Applicants requesting reimbursement for a credentialing exam must present documentation that they have passed the exam.
3. Evidence of supporting documentation is required.
4. Evidence of all professional memberships is required.
5. Forward the scholarship application, essay, and required documentation to:
WHIMA Director/Finance
WHIMA
2350 South Avenue, Suite 107
La Crosse, WI 54601-6272
Scholarship Application
For The Established Professional

Information on all scholarships and application forms is available on the WHIMA website under Scholarships. For more information, please call WHIMA at 608-787-0168 or email whima@execpc.com

¹: WHIMA Website-Scholarship page