



News Release

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Columbus Community Hospital accepting applications for health care scholarships

For Immediate Release

(COLUMBUS, Neb.) – Columbus Community Hospital is now accepting applications for several health care scholarships.

Scholarship applicants must be accepted to, or currently enrolled in, an accredited program of a recognized health care school. Applicants must also be residents of, or attending school in, the Columbus area and have at least a 2.5 grade point average.

The scholarships were established by the CCH Foundation and several generous donors who would like to award these scholarships to highly qualified individuals who have a desire to use their abilities to further serve the health care needs of CCH and its service area. As such, applicants will ideally make themselves available to work at the CCH as their school workloads permit.

To apply, applicants must complete the application available on the CCH website at: https://www.columbushosp.org/careers/student_central/scholarships.aspx which includes information on applicants' education, work and volunteer experience. Applicants must also send a transcript, proof of their acceptance into an accredited health care program, and a brief essay about their health care career goals and availability to work at the hospital.

Completed applications should be sent to Melinda Allen, CCH's HR education coordinator, at mjallen@columbushosp.org or Columbus Community Hospital, Attn: Melinda J. Allen, P.O. Box 1800, Columbus, NE 68602 by Wednesday, March 31.

Below is a list of the available scholarships:

- **CCH Foundation Scholarship** – The CCH Foundation Scholarship was established in 2017. It awards \$500 to a qualified student furthering his or her education in any health care field. Preference will be given to a CCH employee or the child or grandchild of an employee.
- **High School Student Scholarship** – The CCH High School Student scholarship was established in 2008 to support development of area youth. It awards \$300 to a qualified



high school student taking a certified nursing assistant (CNA) or other entry-level health care course.

- **Dallmont J. and Bernadine Erickson Memorial Scholarship Fund** – The Dallmont J. and Bernadine Erickson Scholarship was established in 2014 by their daughter. It awards \$500 to a student who is enrolled in educational training in any area of nursing. Preference is given to an employee or the child of any employee of CCH.
- **The Dwayne Willers Memorial Scholarship** – The Dwayne Willers scholarship was established in 2013 by Willers' family. It awards \$300 to a qualified student who is pursuing a career in the field of radiology.
- **The William and Barbara Gerhold Scholarship** – The Gerhold scholarship was established in 2006 by long-time Columbus residents, Barbara and William Gerhold. It awards \$500 to a qualified student to help foster educational achievement and service excellence. Preference will be given to CCH employees and their children in the nursing field.
- **The George Prochaska Scholarship** – The Prochaska scholarship was established in 2006 by the family of the late George Prochaska to recognize educational achievement. It awards two \$500 scholarships to recognize CCH employees and/or their children who are studying in a field designed to enhance the mission of CCH.
- **Eagles Scholarship** – The Fraternal Order of Eagles #1834 Aerie & Auxiliary scholarship was established in 2006 to recognize academic achievement. It awards \$1,000 to a CCH employee who is currently enrolled in a health care educational course. Preference is given to employees of the CCH radiology department.
- **HDR Scholarship** – The HDR Scholarships were established in 2007 to help students of Central Community College - Columbus Campus. It awards \$500 to a student who is pursuing a career in health care. Preference is given to a student who plans to attend Central Community College – Columbus Campus.
- **Charles and Myrna Meyer Memorial Scholarship Endowment** – The Charles and Myrna Meyer Memorial Scholarship was established in 2019 by their children. It awards \$500 to a student who is enrolled in any medical education training. Preference will be given to those demonstrating financial hardship.

For more information about the scholarships, visit www.columbushosp.org or contact Allen at 402-562-3321.

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