

Lexington Medical Center Foundation

Health Care Scholarship Program Guidelines

You must review and acknowledge the information below regarding eligibility, the application procedures, the selection process, and other important information.

Lexington Medical Center is committed to providing the best quality health care to its patients and community. To support this commitment, the Lexington Medical Center Foundation provides annual health care scholarships to invest in maintaining the high quality staff that has come to symbolize Lexington Medical Center. Scholarships are available for current students pursuing a degree in nursing. Lexington Medical Center employees pursuing a certificate, Associate or Bachelor's degree in select Allied Health programs as described below are also eligible to apply for scholarship support.

Program	One-Time Amount Awarded
Associates Degree Program	\$ 2,000**
Bachelor's Degree Program*	\$ 4,000**
Graduate Program*	\$ 4,000**

Reduced scholarship awards are available to LMC employees enrolled part-time.

*Includes online programs

**Award amounts will be *reduced by half* for those who will graduate at the close of the Fall term (December or January graduates).

Anyone graduating prior to December 2023 will *not* be eligible to apply.

Part-time students as defined in the guidelines below will receive a *one-half award*.

Do I Qualify?

First, you must meet one of the following three categories:

1. **LMC Employee or Non-Employee: Full-Time Nursing Student**

- **Students enrolled *FULL-TIME*** in a nursing program from an accredited college or university for the Fall 2023 Semester
 - Defined as a **minimum of 12 Hours** for Associate or Bachelor's degree programs
 - Defined as a **minimum of 6 Hours** for RN-BSN or Graduate degree programs
- ***Must be*** enrolled in **Upper Division Classes** (junior/senior level classes) for the upcoming Fall semester for *Bachelor* degree programs; those entering a Lower Division upcoming fall semester in a Bachelor's degree program do not yet qualify (freshman/sophomore level classes).

2. **LMC Employee: Part-Time Nursing Student**

- **Students enrolled *PART-TIME*** in a nursing program from an accredited college or university **must be employed by Lexington Medical Center** to be eligible to apply
 - Defined as a **minimum of 6 Hours** for Associate or Bachelor's degree programs or
 - Defined as a **minimum of 3 Hours** for RN-BSN or Graduate degree programs;

OR

3. **LMC Employee: Enrolled in a select Allied Health Certificate, Associate or Bachelor Degree Program**

- Students taking a **minimum of 12 hours** for Allied Health Certificate, Associate or Bachelor's degree programs; OR, part-time students taking a **minimum of 6 hours** for Allied Health Certificate, Associate or Bachelor degree programs **must be employed by Lexington Medical Center** to be eligible to apply.
- Eligible Certificate and Associate Degree Programs include:
 - Radiologic Technology
 - Respiratory Therapy
 - Medical Laboratory Technician

- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Surgery Technician
- Sterile Technician
- EEG Technician
- Medical Assisting
- Eligible Bachelor's Degree Programs include:
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Cardiovascular Technologist
 - Respiratory Therapy
 - Exercise Science/Physiology with Emphasis on Health Care Clinical Role

The scholarship program is focused on clinical roles. Other Masters degree programs such as public health, health care management, or MBA's are not eligible.

ALL APPLICANTS must meet all of the following qualifications to be eligible to apply:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of **2.75 on a 4.0** scale for the most recent academic year. Students with a GPA below 2.75 are *not* eligible to apply.
 - Be a US Citizen, permanent resident, or documented alien eligible to work in the United States
 - Applicant or parent or legal guardian of applicant must be legal resident of South Carolina
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Application Process

- Complete the **online** scholarship application in its entirety. Please do not leave fields blank if they apply to you, because you *will not* receive credit for information that is left blank.
- Provide a *complete* copy of your most recent academic transcript (high school or college).
- Provide documentation from the college in which you are enrolled that indicates full admittance into the nursing or allied health program; if your application is pending, please attach confirmation of your application submission and anticipated notification date for acceptance.
- Provide a copy of the most recent FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) form available at <http://www.fafsa.gov> with the scholarship application. You *will not* receive credit for financial need if this document is not submitted with your application. The SAR shows important financial information, including your Expected Family Contribution (“EFC”) amount. If you are unsure what this is, please contact the Foundation.
- Recommendations may be provided through the online application but are not required.

Please review all uploaded documents to ensure they are legible before submitting your application. Please ensure you have hit the green submit button on your personal application account task page once all documents have been completed and uploaded. *If you do not take this step, the application will not show as Submitted to the Foundation. Contact the Foundation at (803)791-2540 if you have any issues.*

All materials must be electronically submitted to the Lexington Medical Center Foundation **by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, APRIL 24th, 2023.**

All of the above must be included to be considered for a scholarship. Applicants that provide false information, fail to follow all procedures, fail to submit all requests by the required deadlines, and/or fail to meet all qualifications will be disqualified.

Selection Criteria

The Lexington Medical Center Foundation awards a limited number of scholarships each year. The Lexington Medical Center Foundation's Board of Directors Grants Committee will review all applications. Consideration of applications will be based on financial need, academic strength of the applicant, clarity of career goals, references, work experience, volunteer experience and extra-curricular activities.

Applicants that are currently employed at Lexington Medical Center will receive additional consideration.

There is no discrimination as to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, disability, marital status or military status.

Applicants that make the first cut of the selection process will be required to participate in an online interview. Email notification will be sent to applicants selected to move on to the interview phase **by Wednesday, MAY 10th, 2023**. **Emails will be sent to the address you provided in your application. Please be sure you are checking your email to receive notifications in a timely manner.**

Applicants selected to receive a scholarship will be notified **BY EMAIL** on or before **Wednesday, JULY 5th, 2022**.

Depending upon public health conditions at the time of awarding, applicants will be requested to either attend an awards luncheon or submit a brief thank you video.

Additional Information/Requirements

Scholarship recipients should be prepared to provide a photo for submission to print and social media publications and understand that their biographical information may be submitted and published along with their photo in hospital publications and local media outlets. Submission of photo is granting Lexington Medical Center / Lexington Medical Center Foundation authorization to use picture and names for promotional use. *Photos are required only if you receive a scholarship award.*

Application materials become the property of Lexington Medical Center Foundation and will be treated as confidential documents to maintain the privacy of all applicants.