



2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in Health Focus of Southwest Virginia's 2019 Scholarship Program.

Our scholarship awards are based primarily on financial need and potential for completing a health career program.

Please note that the application must be completed online and submitted with the required attachments. We advise you to review this year's requirements in advance, allowing yourself enough time to prepare the necessary attachments required with your application. (Handwritten applications will **NOT** be accepted.)

The application deadline for the 2019-2020 academic year is Friday, April 19, 2019. No application will be considered unless all questions are answered and all facts are disclosed. You **MUST be accepted** into a medical education program before you are eligible for a scholarship. You can include more than one school on the application if you have yet to make your decision. You **DO NOT qualify** for a scholarship if you are taking any prerequisite courses (ex; Pre-Nursing, Pre-OT). You may apply for the Health Focus Scholarship annually, whether you have been awarded or denied a scholarship in the past.

Your GPA MUST be 3.0 or higher, on a 4.0 scale, to be considered for this scholarship.

The vast majority of scholarship funds will be awarded to students who are attending a Virginia school and reside in one of the following counties:

Albemarle	Bedford	Dickenson	Henry	Pittsylvania	Scott
Alleghany	Bland	Floyd	Highland	Pulaski	Smyth
Amherst	Buchanan	Franklin	Lee	Roanoke	Tazewell
Appomattox	Campbell	Giles	Montgomery	Rockbridge	Washington
Augusta	Carroll	Grayson	Nelson	Rockingham	Wise
Bath	Craig	Halifax	Patrick	Russell	Wythe

Instructions: Your application will only be considered if all questions are answered and all facts are disclosed.

We require you to submit a **one-page, personal statement (essay)**. Take this opportunity to tell us why you need scholarship assistance and why you want to go into the medical field you have chosen.

You will need one **Recommendation Letter**. It must be emailed, with your name in the subject line, to scholarships@hfswwva.org by the application deadline on Friday, April 19, 2019. It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure we receive the letter on time.

Include a copy of your **school's most current estimated student expenses** for your program distributed by the Financial Aid Department.

A copy of either:

1. Your most recent Income Tax Form 1040 filed by you or your spouse, or your parents if you are a dependent. Please DO NOT include W2's or schedules.
2. A Student Aid Report (SAR) may be submitted ONLY if your tax/income figures are visible on the report. Any student with a FSA can view or print his/her SAR by logging into the FAFSA home page, then selecting View or Print your Student Aid Report from my FAFSA page.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE FORM/REPORT WILL DISQUALIFY CANDIDATES.

If you have yet to be enrolled in college, you must request a copy of your high school transcript from your high school guidance office. Please request that your guidance counselor mail your transcript to Health Focus of Southwest Virginia, P.O. Box 4692, Roanoke, VA 24015. This must be postmarked by the application deadline of Friday, April 19, 2019.

If you are currently enrolled in college, you must request a copy of your college transcript. If you have gone to more than one college, we require a transcript from the last two colleges you attended. Please request that the college mail the transcript directly to Health Focus of Southwest Virginia, P.O. Box 4692, Roanoke, VA 24015. This must be postmarked by the application deadline of Friday, April 19, 2019.

A \$25.00 processing fee is required. To pay by credit card on our website, click on the donate now button, enter \$25 in the amount section. In the "Write a note" section, type SCHOLARSHIP and the name of the applicant. Complete the payment options **OR** you may mail a check to Health Focus of Southwest Virginia, P.O. Box 4692, Roanoke, VA 24015, postmarked by April 19, 2019, write the student's name on the memo's line. There will be no refunds if you are not awarded a scholarship.

Applicants will be notified by mail or email whether awarded or denied a scholarship. If awarded, your school will receive a check to deposit into your account. Your school will receive one half of the award in August for the fall semester and the second half of the award in January to apply towards the spring semester. If you are graduating in December, then all of your scholarship award will be applied toward the fall semester.

Please direct any questions to Laurie Gibbons, President & CEO, Health Focus of Southwest Virginia, 540-444-2925 or lgibbons@hfswwa.org .