

DCH HEALTH SYSTEM

2012 – 2013 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Deadline: March 30, 2012

*Direct questions to:
DCH Scholarship Committee
c/o DCH Foundation, Inc.
809 University Blvd. East
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 759-7349
www.supportdch.org*

APPLICANT CHECKLIST **Have you done the following:**

1. Completed, signed and dated your application?
2. Included your essay with your name clearly displayed somewhere on the essay?
3. Included an official transcript from your school?
4. Included two (2) letters of recommendation?
5. Included a letter that verifies your enrollment (or acceptance letter for high school seniors)?
6. Included a letter that lists other scholarship/grants that you have applied for and/or received?

General Information and Eligibility

The DCH Health System is pleased to award scholarships for students choosing the healthcare field for their future profession. All scholarships will be awarded to the most qualified applicants meeting the criteria, as judged by the Scholarship Committee. Students interested in applying for any scholarship need only submit one completed application packet.

Application Criteria

Purpose

These scholarships are designed to promote identified healthcare careers and encourage students to pursue healthcare careers within the DCH Health System.

Requirements

Interested applicants must be:

1. Currently enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) at an accredited college or university.
Entering Freshman (recent high school graduate) – Must have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or better (based on a 4.0 grading scale) as a full-time high school student.
College Student – Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better (based on a 4.0 grading scale while taking 12 hours of class work). **Must be eligible for continued enrollment.**
2. Majoring in (or enrolling with the intent to major in) a healthcare discipline.

Process

A completed 2012-2013 DCH Scholarship Application packet must be submitted, in its entirety, to the DCH Foundation Office by **4:00pm on Friday, March 30, 2012.** (Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered.)

Each completed DCH Scholarship packet must contain:

1. A completed DCH Scholarship Application **signed** by the applicant (page 6)
2. A one-page **Personal Essay** written and **signed** by the applicant that includes:
 - a) Reason(s) for choosing a health related career
 - b) Career goals (short and long-term)
 - c) Financial need (degree of hardship)
3. An **official transcript** from the last school attended
4. **Two (2) letters of recommendation** that addresses the applicant's academic ability and studiousness, personal character, and/or leadership and community/civic activities. One letter from each of the following:
 - Educator / Academic Counselor
 - Professional, Community Leader or Supervisor
5. **Letter of Verification of Current Enrollment** (for current college students) **OR** a copy of your College / University **Acceptance Letter** (for entering freshmen)
6. **List of all other scholarships/grants for which you have applied or received**

All complete applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.** Scholarship decisions will be made by the end of April. Recipients will be notified of their award in writing. **All scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the college/university once proof of enrollment (and academic major) for the 2012 – 2013 academic year has been received by the DCH Foundation Office. Checks will be mailed in mid-June 2012.**

Benjamin Louis Ladner Capstone College of Nursing Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by the family of Benjamin L. Ladner

Benjamin Louis Ladner was a young man who was answering the call to be a nurse. He worked tirelessly at RMC from November 2000 until September 2005 and paid his own way through school, working towards his dream of a nursing degree from the Capstone College of Nursing. As a child, he was curious and loved learning new things. He was a patriot and in his junior year of high school represented his school as an ambassador to the USSR. He was an athlete and participated in all sports in school. Ben loved to travel and wanted to open his eyes and mind to a world beyond home. The best part of travel for Ben – was coming home. He was an avid Alabama football fan. He also shared a love for the Baltimore Orioles with his father and brother. Ben loved people and helping others. He was full of patience and compassion and he had a gift for bringing out the best in others, even during stressful and difficult times. Ben would be humbled that a memorial was named for him and he would be proud that others will benefit. The scholarship amount is based on the availability of scholarship funds.

Guidelines for Selection:

1. Full-time enrollment at the junior or senior level in the Capstone College of Nursing (at the time of receipt of the scholarship).
2. Employed at DCH Regional Medical Center with a desire to complete education for a BSN Degree.
3. Preference given to a child of a current or retired employee
4. Award amount for the 2012-2013 school year will be \$3,000

DCH Regional Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary Scholarship

Sponsored by the DCH RMC Volunteer Auxiliary

The DCH RMC Volunteer Auxiliary Scholarship is open to permanent residents of Tuscaloosa County and surrounding counties serviced by the DCH Health System who wish to pursue a health-related career as a full-time student at an accredited college or university in Tuscaloosa County. Consideration will be given to students who pursue a degree in a discipline not offered in Tuscaloosa County, i.e. Pharmacy. Ten (10) one-time \$1,000 scholastic scholarships will be awarded annually based on the availability of funds, with three of the scholarships restricted to students who meet the following additional criteria:

1. The Lucy Jordan Scholarship Award is awarded to a high school senior who has participated in the DCH Junior Volunteer program with 200 or more donated hours over a two-year period.
2. DCH Employee Family Scholarship Award will be awarded to two (2) DCH Health System employees or dependent children of DCH employees. The recipients may live in one of the surrounding counties served by the DCH Health System.

Hillcrest High School Adopt-A-School Partnership Scholarship

DCH Regional Medical Center is proud to offer the Adopt-A-School Partnership College Scholarship to a Hillcrest High School Senior who has demonstrated excellence and leadership while attending Hillcrest High School. All aspects of the candidate's high school career, including scholastic achievement, leadership roles, work experience, community involvement and financial need will be considered. The Scholarship will provide \$1,000 towards the cost of the annual full-time tuition, books and supplies at an accredited community college or university.

Guidelines for Selection:

1. High-school Senior enrolled at Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Harry W. King Memorial Scholarship For Critical Care Nursing

Sponsored by the family of Harry W. King

The Harry W. King Memorial Scholarship Fund for Critical Care Nursing will provide funds for a DCH employee or trainee to be used for full-time tuition for the Fall Semester at the Capstone College of Nursing at The University of Alabama. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000 to be awarded annually based on eligibility requirements and the availability of scholarship funds.

Guidelines for Selection:

1. Full-time enrollment at the junior or senior level in the Capstone College of Nursing (at the time of receipt of the scholarship).
2. Include an emphasis on critical care nursing, although outstanding students with other emphases will be considered.
3. Employed at DCH Regional Medical Center or Northport Medical Center with a desire to complete education for a BSN Degree.

Peggy Simpson Ford Scholarship

Sponsored by the family of Peggy Simpson Ford

Peggy Simpson Ford was born in Middleton, TN, one of four children of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Simpson. Following graduation from Middleton High School, she received her degree in education from the University of Tennessee in 1956. She taught sixth grade in Memphis, TN. She and James Henry Ford, Jr., of Walnut, Mississippi, were married in Peggy's hometown in 1959. Jim graduated from Walnut High School, attended Booneville Mississippi Junior College and received a BA Degree from Memphis State University. He began work as an auditor at Sears, then as an assistant administrator at Methodist Hospital in Memphis. They had four children when they moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 1967 for Jim to study at St. Louis University where he received a MA degree in Hospital Administration, followed by completing a residency in Cincinnati, OH. In 1969, they moved to Tuscaloosa where he became Assistant Administrator of Druid City Hospital. In 1976, Jim became Administrator/President and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1996. Their four children are all graduates of The University of Alabama and Jim and Peggy have seven grandchildren. Their pride in the DCH Health System prompted their endowment of the Peggy Simpson Ford Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving and outstanding student who excels in academics, has exemplary good character, and demonstrates financial need.

The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000 to be awarded annually based on eligibility requirements and the availability of scholarship funds.

Guidelines for Selection:

1. Financial need will be considered but will not be the primary award criterion.
2. Priority for awarding the scholarship will go first to those pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy, next to those pursuing a degree in Respiratory Therapy and lastly to those pursuing a degree in Nursing.

APPLICATION

Please check all appropriate boxes and answer all applicable sections in blue or black ink.

SCHOLARSHIP CHOICE: Using the boxes below, indicate whether you are interested in applying for one or more of the scholarships. Scholarship descriptions are located on pages 3-5 of this packet.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin Louis Ladner Capstone College of Nursing Memorial Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Harry W. King Memorial Scholarship for Critical Care Nursing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DCH Volunteer Auxiliary Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Peggy Simpson Ford Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hillcrest High School Adopt-A-School Scholarship | |

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Current DCH Health System Employee | <input type="checkbox"/> Previous recipient of a DCH Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Dependent of DCH Health System Employee | <input type="checkbox"/> External Applicant (New Application) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current / Previous DCH Junior Volunteer | |

APPLICANT PROFILE:

Full Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____
Street Address (including Apt. #) City State Zip Code

Telephone Number _____ Alternative / Cellular Telephone _____

Name of DCH Employee you are related to: _____ Relationship _____

Current Position / Title: _____ DCH Facility _____

For Past / Present DCH Junior Volunteers:

Number of Years Volunteered _____ Year last volunteered _____ Hours Donated _____

EDUCATION

Please indicate your current classification:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> College Freshman | <input type="checkbox"/> College Junior | Current GPA: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> College Sophomore | <input type="checkbox"/> College Senior | <small>(Based on 4.0 grading scale)</small> |

Name of School _____ (High School / College / University)

City _____ State _____ SAT / ACT Score: _____

2012 - 2013 Education Plans:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted / Transfer Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted / New Student |
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Academic Major _____ Affiliated Healthcare Career _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Anticipated Degree _____

College / University _____

Mailing Address _____

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate. I understand that if I do not provide a complete application by the deadline, my application will not be considered.

Signature _____ Date _____

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