2022-23 Scholarship Application
Vernon Memorial Healthcare Scholarship Program

The Vernon Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. (the “Foundation”) and the Friends of Vernon Memorial Healthcare (the “Friends of VMH”) provide the funding for the Vernon Memorial Healthcare Scholarship Program. Funding for the scholarship program is made possible by the generosity of the communities we serve and supported specifically by gifts, memorials, and donations made to the Foundation and Friends of VMH.

Scholarship Program Purpose
The purpose of the VMH Scholarship Program is to financially assist students pursuing medical, nursing and other health care related careers. Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to Nicole Loeffelholz at (608) 637-4374 or NLoeffelholz@vmh.org.

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be a college student currently enrolled (and accepted) in a degree program at an accredited college, university or technical school pursuing a degree in a medical, nursing or health care related field.
2. The applicant must be entering their final academic year of a technical, certificate, or associate degree program or have completed at least two years of study in a bachelor degree program.
3. The applicant must have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4-point scale), or equivalent, for the academic year immediately prior to application.
4. The application must satisfy all application requirements and be received by the indicated due date in order to be considered.
5. Previous scholarship award recipients are eligible to reapply.

Preference will be given to candidates from the Vernon Memorial Healthcare service area with goals of working in health care careers supported by Vernon Memorial Healthcare or rural health care.

Application Requirements

1. Completed application form.
2. Personal statement.
3. Three letters of recommendation.
5. Photograph.

Additional information regarding these supporting documents is available on the next page.

Application Submission Process & Deadline

Applications and all supporting documents must be mailed to:
VMH Foundation
Attn: Nicole Loeffelholz
507 S. Main Street
Viroqua, WI 54665

Applications must be delivered to the VMH Foundation Office by:
April 1, 2022

Questions?
Questions regarding the VMH Foundation Scholarship application process can be directed to Nicole Loeffelholz, Development Manager at (608) 637-4374 or NLoeffelholz@vmh.org.
Required Supporting Documentation Instructions

All additional support documents must accompany the application and be submitted by the required due date.

Personal Statement

Your personal statement is an important aspect of the application and is the equivalent of an interview. Prepare a one to two page typewritten personal statement in which you address the following:

1. What your educational objectives are.
2. Why you chose to enter the medical, nursing or health care field.
3. What you intend to do once you have received your degree (career goals).
4. Current or previous related work experience.
5. Financial need for this scholarship.
6. Any other information relevant to this application.
7. If you have been awarded a VMH Scholarship in the past, update us on your most recent accomplishments and financial need.

Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation are required, preferably from school officials who can discuss your academic and personal achievements as well as your potential for future success. Please have those persons comment on your present enrollment, academic status and ranking among peers. It would also be helpful if the letter addresses qualities such as maturity, motivation, self-confidence, leadership and commitment.

Current Transcript

A current transcript of your academic semester immediately prior to application must accompany this application.

Photograph, for publication purposes only

Please include a recent high resolution photograph (preferably a digital file) of yourself along with your completed application materials. Photographs will be used as part of any award announcements and should you receive an award, your photograph may appear in local newspapers, VMH newsletters, social media platforms operated by VMH, and the VMH website. Other media outlets may also be used as part of the awards announcement.

Selection & Payment of Awards

Vernon Memorial Healthcare Scholarship Program applications are evaluated by a review committee including representatives from the Foundation and Friends of VMH. All candidates will be notified of their application status by June 30, 2022.

No applicant will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, gender orientation, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, arrest record, conviction record, or membership in the military of the United States or any other category protected by law.

Scholarship award payments are made in two installments. The first will be paid in the Fall of 2022 after proof of enrollment of classes in the upcoming Fall semester is emailed to the Development Manager. The second payment will be paid in February of 2022 after the student emails GPA documentation for the Fall 2022 semester, indicating they have maintained grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher, or its equivalent.
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Please return your completed form and supporting documents to:
Vernon Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Attn: Nicole Loeffelholz, 507 S. Main Street, Viroqua, WI 54665

About You

First Name ___________________________ Middle Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Current Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip ___________________________

Permanent or Home Address (if different from above)

City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip ___________________________

Email Address ___________________________

Phone ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________

About Your Academic History

Degree Held (if applicable) ___________________________

Degree Sought ___________________________ Anticipated Graduation Date ___________________________

Fall 2021 College/University ___________________________ Program ___________________________ Year of Program ___________________________

Current College/University ___________________________ Program/GPA ___________________________ From/Until ___________________________

Previous College/University ___________________________ Program/GPA ___________________________ From/Until ___________________________

High School ___________________________ GPA ___________________________ Year Graduated ___________________________

Employment Information

Employer ___________________________ Position ___________________________ From/Until ___________________________

Previous Employer ___________________________ Position ___________________________ From/Until ___________________________

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Volunteer Work
Are you, or have you ever been, a volunteer or employee of Vernon Memorial Healthcare? □ Yes  □ No
If “yes”, please provide dates and area of work. Please describe other volunteer efforts.

Activities, Special Recognition & Community Involvement
Please provide information about activities you have been involved with that are beneficial to your personal career goals.
(Continue on a separate piece of paper if necessary.)

High School

College/University

Community

Employment

Academic Scholarships & Grants
Please provide information on grants you have already received. (Continue on a separate piece of paper if necessary.)

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Required Supporting Documents
Please include the following supporting documents along with this completed application by April 1, 2022.
☐ Personal Statement  ☐ 3 Letters of Recommendation  ☐ Current Transcript  ☐ Photograph of Yourself

All of the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give the Vernon Memorial Healthcare Scholarship Program, VMH Foundation and Friends of VMH permission to share this information for the purpose of recruitment and public relations. I further certify that I am currently enrolled in a medical school or in a nursing or health care career program at an accredited college or university for the upcoming academic year, and will use the Scholarship Award toward expenses related to my education. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted. All application materials become the property of the VMH Scholarship Program.

Signature  Date