

DCH HEALTH SYSTEM

2009 – 2010 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2009

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

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 appointed Scholarship Committee. Students interested in applying for **any** scholarship need only submit one set of completed application packet materials.*

Application Criteria

Purpose

These scholarships were 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) in 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 2.5 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

The application process involves two steps. Applicants must meet all listed requirements of **Step One** before being considered for **Step Two**. The DCH Scholarship Application Process is outlined below:

Step One: A completed 2009-2010 **DCH Scholarship Application** packet must be submitted, in its entirety, to the DCH Foundation Office by the listed application deadline. (Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered.) **The 2009 – 2010 DCH Scholarship Deadline is March 31, 2009.**

Each completed DCH Scholarship packet must contain:

1. A completed DCH Scholarship Application **signed** by the applicant (page 4)
2. A one-page **Personal Essay** written and **signed** by the applicant that includes:
 - a) Reason 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. **Three (3) letters of recommendation** that speaks of 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
 - Family Friend or Neighbor (someone who has personal knowledge of the applicant)
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 you have applied for or received**

All applicants who successfully complete **step one** of the scholarship application process and who meet the stated scholarship requirements will be contacted and invited to participate in the second part of the scholarship application process.

Step Two: Mandatory **personal interview** with the DCH Scholarship Committee.

Recipients of any DCH Scholarship will be notified in writing of their award. All scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the college / university once proof of enrollment (and academic major) for the 2009 – 2010 academic year has been received by the DCH Foundation Office. Checks will be mailed in late June 2009.

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. 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 is a one-time award of \$2,500 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. 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

DCH Volunteer Auxiliary Scholarship

Sponsored by the DCH Volunteer Auxiliary

The DCH Volunteer Auxiliary Scholarship is open to permanent residents of Tuscaloosa County and immediate 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 Regional Medical Center employees or dependent children of DCH Regional Medical Center employees. The recipients may live in one of the surrounding counties served by DCH Regional Medical Center or one of its affiliates.

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 emphasis will be considered.
3. Employed at DCH Regional Medical Center or Northport Hospital-DCH with a desire to complete education for a BSN Degree.

Margaret M. Falls Nursing Scholarship

Sponsored by the family of Margaret M. Falls

Margaret Mary Howarth Falls was born in New Jersey in 1916, the daughter of Hungarian immigrants and the youngest of 8 children. She graduated from St. Peter's General Hospital School of Nursing in New Brunswick, NJ in 1937 where she worked until 1939 when she went to work as a private duty nurse in Harlem, New York. She moved to Los Angeles, CA in 1940 and worked at St. Vincent's Hospital until her marriage in 1942. She stayed at home to raise her first child during World War II and then moved to Fayette, Alabama (her husband's place of birth) in 1946 where she had her second child. She moved back to New Jersey for a year in 1947 to take care of her mother who was dying of cancer. In 1948 she moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, worked for the Veteran's Administration Hospital for a few months, and then from August 1948 until February 1957 she worked part-time in Obstetrics and various relief positions at DCH while having three more children. In August 1957 she took a full-time position in Obstetrics at DCH, was promoted to Assistant Nursing Supervisor in August 1961 and then was promoted to Evening Supervisor/Assistant Director of Nursing in December 1963 where she worked until her retirement on August 31, 1981.

Guidelines for Selection:

1. Full-time enrollment at the clinical level in a Registered Nursing Program (at the time of receipt of the scholarship).
2. Academic potential for successful completion of the nursing program.
3. Prefer recipient to plan on working at DCH Health System for at least one year after receiving RN degree.

The Margaret M. Falls Nursing Scholarship will provide \$1,000 towards the cost of the annual full-time tuition and books at a school of Registered Nursing in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

DCH Foundation Scholarship

Sponsored by the DCH Foundation, Inc.

Students majoring in academic disciplines leading to a healthcare career listed on the 2009-2010 Manpower Plan for DCH Health System will be given a priority consideration. Ten (10) one-time scholastic scholarships will be awarded annually based on eligibility requirements and the availability of scholarship funds. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000. Previous year's recipients are eligible to re-apply and must meet all current year's eligibility requirements for scholarship consideration.

Guidelines for Selection:

1. Open to all current employees and legal dependent children of DCH Health System employees and all external applicants majoring in academic disciplines leading to careers in healthcare.
2. Based on current manpower priorities and projected staffing shortages, the following healthcare careers have been identified and approved by the DCH Scholarship Committee for the 2009 – 2010 academic school year: Physical Therapist, Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant, Pre-Pharmacy, Pharmacist, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Associate Degree/Nursing, Bachelors Degree/Nursing.

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 1986. Their four children are all graduates of the University of Alabama and Jim and Peggy have seven grandchildren. Their pride in DCH Health System prompted their endowment of the Peggy Simpson Ford 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 Type: Using the boxes below, indicate whether you are interested in applying for one or more of the scholarships. Scholarship descriptions are located on pages three and four 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 Foundation Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Peggy Simpson Ford Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DCH Volunteer Auxiliary Scholarship | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Margaret M. Falls Nursing Scholarship | |

Application Type: Check the boxes below that best relate to you and this scholarship application.

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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 _____

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

Telephone Number _____ Alternative / Cellular Telephone _____

Date of Birth _____ Email Address _____

- Currently Employed or Legal Dependent of a DCH Employee**

Name of DCH Employee _____ Relationship _____

Current Position _____ DCH Facility _____

- Past / Present DCH Junior Volunteer**

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 | (Based on 4.0 grading scale) |

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

City _____ State _____

2009 – 2010 Educational Plans

- Continuing Student Admitted / Transfer Student Admitted / New Student

Academic Major _____ Affiliated Healthcare Career _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Anticipated Degree Type _____

College / University _____

Mailing Address _____

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate.

Signature Date

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