Highmark Healthcare Scholarship for Rising Juniors

This scholarship is generously funded by Highmark to help address the ever-growing need for trained healthcare professionals to meet the demands of the Commonwealth and beyond.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a resident of Pennsylvania and enrolled as a full-time student at one of the 14 State System universities.
- Must be pursuing a degree in the healthcare profession such as: informatics, computer science*, information technology*, allied health or a healthcare field such as, nursing, pre-physician assistant, pre-medicine, biology, health science, audiology, speech pathology, medical imagery, health science and physical therapy.
- Must be a rising junior for the Fall 2017 semester who has earned 60 credits with a GPA of 3.0 or greater.
- Must demonstrate financial need as determined by FAFSA.
  *Students majoring in IT or computer science may be eligible for a paid internship with Highmark and will be notified about the details of this additional opportunity.

Number of Awards and Amount

- One hundred (100) scholarships will be awarded.
- This scholarship is a two-year award in the amount of $1,000 per year.
- Recipients will receive $1,000 for the Fall 2017 semester and $1,000 for the Fall 2018 semester as long as eligibility requirements are maintained.

Applicant Requirements

- Complete the “Highmark Healthcare Scholarship for Rising Juniors” Application (click here).
- Provide two written references: one from a professor in the applicant’s area of study and one personal reference.
- Include an official transcript.
- A 300-400 word essay on why you chose a career in the field of healthcare.
- The completed application packet must be postmarked by May 26, 2017 and mailed to:
  
  PA State System Foundation  
  Attn: Eileen Showers  
  2986 North 2nd Street  
  Harrisburg, PA 17110

Recipient Requirements

- Send a thank you to Highmark via the State System Foundation
- Attend the State System Foundation annual Scholarship Donor Appreciation Luncheon

Selection Process

The selection committee includes a representative(s) of the State System Foundation’s staff, Foundation Scholarship Committee and Office of the Chancellor staff.