



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.