



2021 Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP

Employment in healthcare occupations is expected to grow 18 percent by 2026. The Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey (HRET), an affiliate of the New Jersey Hospital Association, is committed to supporting the healthcare professionals of the future through The HRET Pathway Scholarship. There are three scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to be awarded to individuals pursuing: a graduate degree; a bachelor's degree; or – new this year – certification training in a healthcare occupation such as certified nursing assistant (CNA) or home health aide, among others. Our goal: Promote career pathways that create new opportunities for healthcare professionals – and better health for the people of New Jersey.

All applicants must be New Jersey residents *(applicants may be enrolled in programs out-of-state)*

Undergraduate or Graduate Students Application Criteria

- Must be a current junior or senior in an undergraduate program pursuing a degree in nursing, hospital/healthcare administration or allied health profession.
- Must be a graduate student pursuing a degree in nursing, hospital or healthcare administration, allied health profession or preparing to teach in the nursing field.
- Must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Can demonstrate financial need with a FAFSA document, including applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR).

Certification Training Application Criteria

- Must have applied or been accepted into a state-approved training/certification program for CNAs, home health aides or healthcare-related certification course.
- Must provide most recent school transcript (high school or college within the last 10 years).
- Can demonstrate financial need via most recent W2 or tax return.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete the online scholarship application form at www.njha.com/pathway-scholarship.
2. Submit a maximum 1,000 word essay detailing your career or academic objectives.
3. Provide your official transcript, including major, to substantiate your eligibility under the criteria.
4. Provide one letter of recommendation from a program head or direct supervisor; certification training applicants may submit a letter of recommendation from an instructor.
5. Provide proof of U.S. citizenship (driver's license, copy of birth certificate, naturalization papers, U.S. passport) as well as proof of residency, including address and email address.
6. Provide a copy of your FAFSA application, including the SAR from the previous year; certification training applicants should submit prior year W2 or tax return.

Complete the online application and upload supporting documents no later than Oct. 4, 2020. Official transcripts should be mailed to: HRET Scholarship Program, Attn: Debbie Furchak; 760 Alexander Road | Princeton, NJ 08540.

Contact Debbie Furchak, dfurchak@njha.com for more info.

Apply online at <http://www.njha.com/pathway-scholarship>

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Scholarship recipients will be notified via email in late October.

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Scholarships will be presented at NJHA's 2021 Annual Meeting – date to be announced.

