

Academic Scholarships

The next application period is February 1 – March 31, 2021.

Mat-Su Health Foundation (MSHF) academic scholarships help defray the cost of higher education in degree programs in the fields of health and human services. Note: This page is for academic scholarships. If you are looking for a vocational scholarship for non-degree certificate and training programs, please visit the vocational scholarship page linked [here](#).

The goal of the Mat-Su Health Foundation scholarship program is to increase the health and human services workforce in the Mat-Su. Scholarship applications are evaluated based on career choice and financial need as demonstrated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

How to Apply for an Academic Scholarship

- **Please check back here on February 1, 2021 to access a link to the application.**
- You will need to upload several documents in order to complete your application. Before you start, please be sure you have the following documents available:
 - Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) email confirmation. Once you receive your email confirmation, you will need to save it as a PDF or JPEG in order to upload it to your scholarship application. **Click here to see a sample FAFSA confirmation email.** If you have not yet completed the FAFSA, you must do so before completing your Mat-Su Health Foundation scholarship application.
 - Proof of the Cost of Attendance for the school you plan to attend. This must include tuition, fees, books, room and board, etc. for the upcoming academic year. It can be in the form of a letter from the school you plan to attend or a screen shot from their website listing the official budget for Cost of Attendance, not to include summer course costs. **Click here to see an example of proof of Cost of Attendance.**
 - Unofficial copy of your most recent transcript (high school, college or university).

If you don't complete the entire application at one time you may save your work and return later. However, keep in mind that the deadline for all applications to be submitted is **Wednesday, March 31, 2021.**

It is your responsibility to provide all the required information and documents before submission. We strongly encourage you to submit your application at your earliest convenience.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

MSHF Academic Scholarship eligibility requirements include the following:

- United States citizenship or lawful permanent residency.

- Mat-Su Borough residency for minimum of one year at the time of application.
- Minimum half-time student status at an accredited college, university, or medical training program.
- Interest in the fields of health care or human services as demonstrated by the applicant's responses to questions posed in the application.
- Successful completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- For first time applicants, there is no minimum GPA requirements. Note: While a threshold GPA is not required for first-time applicants, GPA is considered as a variable in scoring applications.
- For previous scholarship recipients, a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required. Previous scholarship recipients must provide an unofficial transcript of any college courses they have completed.

Disqualified Applicants For All MSHF Scholarships:

- Mat-Su Health Foundation Board of Directors members, officers, employees, committee members and their family members.
- Mat-Su Regional Medical Center Board of Directors members and their family members.
- Mat-Su Regional Board of Trustee members.
- Family members of a disqualified person include a disqualified person's spouse, brothers or sisters (whether by whole or half-blood), spouses of brothers or sisters (whether by whole or half-blood) and their children by whole or half blood or by adoption, ancestors, children (including a legally adopted child), grandchildren, great grandchildren, and spouses of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren (whether by whole or half-blood).

Six of MSHF's annual awards are designated for named scholarships that honor individuals who have had a significant impact on health care in the Mat-Su. These named scholarships are awarded based on career choice and academic merit (grade point average). One named scholarship may be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Current High School Students: The Annie Demming Scholarship
- Behavioral Health Major: The Vivian "Babe" Shaver Scholarship
- Graduate-Level Applicants: The Ya Ne Dah Ah /K'tl'egh'i Sukdu Scholarship
- Hospital Administration and Nonprofit Management: The George V. Larson, III Scholarship
- Physician Assistant: The Jessica Stevens Scholarship
- Nursing: The Darlene Reed Scholarship

Applicants need not specify whether they are applying for a regular academic scholarship or a named scholarship, as all applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

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QUESTIONS? PLEASE VISIT OUR FAQ PAGE.