



Is a career in health care in your future?

The Friends of Waterloo Medical Center and the Friends of Cedar Falls Medical Center Scholarships were established to assist students/post-secondary students who have the desire to pursue a career in the health-related field of study.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academics, financial need and community involvement. Applicants will also be considered for the Gordon and Maria Wilson Education Scholarship.

The Gordon and Maria Wilson Education Scholarship was made possible to assist high school seniors pursuing health care careers. Gordon and Maria (former/dedicated Waterloo Medical Center volunteers), considered volunteering a way to give back to the community that had always been good to them. They appreciated the hospital's work and considered volunteering together one of their many blessings.

Volunteerism was important to Gordon and Maria, applicants will also be considered for this scholarship based on their volunteer experiences and their desire to give back to others.



Qualifications and Application Procedure

All procedures must be followed to have application considered.

- Must be from Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Fayette, Grundy, or Tama County.
- Must be a graduating high school student planning to pursue a career in a health-related program or post-secondary student currently enrolled in a health-related program.
- Qualifying health-related careers include: medical or dental curriculum (including pre-med and pre-dental), nursing, dental hygiene, medical/clinical laboratory technology, dental technology, radiology technology, medical transcription, health information technology, medical office services, surgical technology, ultrasound technology, pharmacy, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech language pathology.
- Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale).
- Complete application form in detail. Include name on all documents. Do not staple any documents
- Submit two letters of recommendation from individuals not related to you. Must be included in packet. Preferred – recent teachers, coaches, professors, employers.
- Submit 300 word essay about yourself, including honors, extracurricular activities, work, community volunteerism, why you are choosing a health-related career and reason you feel you and/or your family need financial assistance.
- Submit a detailed five year plan and how you plan to achieve your goal.
- Request copies of all high school and college transcripts to be sent to MercyOne Waterloo Foundation. (If you graduated high school within the past three years, send both high school and college transcripts.) Those pursuing an advanced degree must submit their college transcripts.
- Please send a high-resolution electronic image of applicant. Photograph cannot be taken by cell phone. If using a professional picture, we will need the copyright release from the photographer. Submit by email to diane.jorgensen@mercyhealth.com.
- Submit only one application. You will not receive any confirmation that application has been received.

Application and required documents must be submitted no later than March 1 of each calendar year.

Mail application to:

MercyOne Waterloo/Cedar Falls Scholarships
MercyOne Waterloo Foundation, 3421 West 9th St., Waterloo, IA 50702