

## **Charles County Commissioners Nursing/ Allied Health Scholarship**

To encourage health care professionals to work in Charles County after graduation from college, a program of scholarships for courses leading to the certificate, diploma, or other evidence of qualification to practice in the medical field, was established by the Charles County Commissioners, pursuant to the Public Local Laws of Charles County, chapter 114.

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### ***What is the Criteria?***

Scholarships under this section shall be awarded to persons:

- Who are residents of Charles County;
- Who apply to the Charles County Commissioners, according to the process and deadlines outlined in this brochure;
- Whose applications are reviewed and favorably recommended by a Scholarship Committee appointed by the County Commissioners;
- Who are selected by the County Commissioners after such review and recommendation by the Scholarship Committee on the basis of demonstrated aptitude, interest and ability, financial need, and cumulative grade point average;
- Who are attending a college or university in Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia. Consideration will be given for students taking online programs and enrolled in the clinical portion of their studies. High School students who are enrolled in the RNStat Program may also be considered.
- Who furnish surety bonds to the Charles County Commissioners, in such amount and with such surety as the Commissioners may determine.
- Who are enrolled in one of the following programs: Imaging Technicians (including Xray, MRI and Nuclear Medicine Technicians), Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, Medical Coding Specialists, Social Workers, Nurses, Dental Technicians, Speech Therapists, etc.

The condition of the bonds shall be that the applicant, provided they complete the course of study for which the scholarship is awarded, practices in their field in Charles County for a period not less than two years.

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### ***What are the Scholarship Amounts?***

Scholarships range from \$500 - \$1,000 with the exact amount determined by the Scholarship Committee (based upon the total number of applicants).

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### ***Priorities:***

Priority is given to applicants who have received this scholarship in the prior year. If funds are limited, the Scholarship Committee will consider financial need and cumulative GPA as deciding factors.

## ***Where Can I Work to Fulfill My Obligation?***

- Civista Medical Center
  - Charles County Health Department
  - Charles County Public Schools
  - Charles County Long Term Care Facility (any)
  - Community Social Service Agencies
  - Hospice of Charles County
  - Home health care in Charles County
  - Private practitioners in Charles County
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### ***How Do I Apply?***

Complete the scholarship application, and attach your official copies of your college or university transcripts, which includes your cumulative grade point average (GPA) Mail the completed application to:

Charles County Commissioners Office  
Post Office Box 2150  
La Plata, MD 20646  
Attn: Denise Ferguson

You may also drop off your application in person to the County Commissioners Office. No faxes will be accepted.

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### ***Where Can I Get an Application?***

Applications are now available year round and can be picked up in the Charles County Commissioners Office, the College of Southern Maryland (Financial Aid Office or the Nursing Advisor's Office), Guidance Counselor's Office of each High School, and Civista Medical Center (President's Office, Human Resources Office or Nursing Education Office). You may also call (301) 645-0554 to have an application mailed to you or go online at [www.charlescounty.org](http://www.charlescounty.org) Click on Commissioners (left hand side of page), scroll to "News & Updates", in the middle of the page and click on the tab for Nursing Scholarship, to download all of the information and an application form.

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### ***When Are Applications Due?***

Applications for scholarships for the Fall Semester are due by 4:30 PM on April 15; applications for scholarships for the Spring Semester are due by 4:30 PM on October 15. If you mail your application, it must be post marked on or before either of the deadlines. **No faxed copies accepted.**

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### ***What if I Do Not Fulfill My Bond Requirement?***

Should the applicant not complete the course of study or fulfill the two-year employment requirement as specified, he/she shall be required to pay to the County a sum of money equal to the total dollar amount of the funds expended by the County in connection with said scholarship within a period of two years from date of original receipt.

## Scholarship Committee

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