#### **Lexington Medical Center Foundation**

#### **Healthcare Scholarship Program Guidelines**

# You must review and acknowledge the information below regarding eligibility, the application procedures, the selection process, and other important information.

Lexington Medical Center is committed to providing the best quality health care to its patients and community. To support this commitment, the Lexington Medical Center Foundation provides annual healthcare scholarships to invest in maintaining the high-quality staff that has come to symbolize Lexington Medical Center. Scholarships are available for current students pursuing a degree in nursing. Lexington Medical Center employees pursuing a Certificate, Associate, or Bachelor degree in select Allied Health programs as described below are also eligible to apply for scholarship support.

#### Program

#### **One-Time** Amount Awarded

Associates Degree Program	\$ 2,000**
Bachelors Program*	\$ 4,000**
Graduate Program*	\$ 4,000**
Reduced scholarship awards are available to LMC employees enrolled part-time.	

<sup>\*</sup>Includes online programs

Anyone graduating prior to December 2025 will not be eligible to apply.

Part-time students as defined in the guidelines below will receive a one-half award.

### Do I Qualify?

First, you **must meet one** of the following three categories:

#### 1. LMC Employee or Non-Employee: Full-Time Nursing Student

<sup>\*\*</sup>Award amounts will be *reduced by half* for those who will graduate at the close of the Fall term (December or January graduates).

- Students enrolled FULL-TIME in a nursing program from an accredited college or university for the Fall 2025 Semester
  - Defined as a <u>minimum of 12 Hours</u> for Associate or Bachelor degree programs
  - Defined as a <u>minimum of 6 Hours</u> for RN-BSN or Graduate degree programs
- Must be enrolled in <u>Upper Division Classes</u> (junior/senior level classes) for the upcoming Fall semester for Bachelor degree programs; those entering a Lower Division upcoming fall semester in a Bachelor degree program do not yet qualify (freshman/sophomore level classes).

#### 2. LMC Employee: Part-Time Nursing Student

- Students enrolled PART-TIME in a nursing program from an accredited college or university <u>must be employed by Lexington</u> <u>Medical Center</u> to be eligible to apply
  - Defined as a <u>minimum of 6 Hours</u> for Associate or Bachelor degree programs or
  - Defined as a <u>minimum of 3 Hours</u> for RN-BSN or Graduate degree programs;

#### <u>OR</u>

- 3. <u>LMC Employee: Enrolled in a select Allied Health Certificate, Associate or Bachelor Degree Program</u>
  - Students taking a <u>minimum of 12 hours</u> for Allied Health Certificate, Associate or Bachelor degree programs; OR, part-time students taking a <u>minimum of 6 hours</u> for Allied Health Certificate, Associate or Bachelor degree programs <u>must be employed by Lexington</u> <u>Medical</u> Center to be eligible to apply.
  - Eligible Certificate and Associate Degree Programs include:
    - Radiologic Technology
    - Respiratory Therapy
    - Medical Laboratory Technician

- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Surgery Technician
- Sterile Technician
- EEG Technician
- Medical Assisting
- Eligible Bachelor Degree Programs include:
  - Physical Therapy
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Cardiovascular Technologist
  - Respiratory Therapy
  - Exercise Science/Physiology with Emphasis on Healthcare Clinical Role

The scholarship program is focused on clinical roles. Other Masters degree programs such as public health, healthcare management, or MBA's not involving a continued career in hands-on clinical patient care are not eligible.

## ALL APPLICANTS must meet <u>all</u> of the following qualifications to be eligible to apply:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of <u>2.8 on a 4.0</u> scale for the most recent academic year. Students with a GPA below 2.8 are *not* eligible to apply.
- Be a US Citizen, permanent resident, or documented alien eligible to work in the United States
- Applicant or parent or legal guardian of applicant must be legal resident of South Carolina

#### **Application Process**

- Complete the **online** scholarship application in its entirety. Please do not leave fields blank if they apply to you, because you will not receive credit for information that is left blank.
- Provide a *complete* copy of your most recent academic transcript (high school or college).
- Provide documentation from the college in which you are enrolled that indicates full admittance into the nursing or allied health program; if your application is pending, please attach confirmation of your application submission and anticipated notification date for acceptance.

Please review all uploaded documents to ensure they are legible before submitting your application. *Contact the Foundation at (803)791-2540 if you have any issues.* 

All materials must be electronically submitted to the Lexington Medical Center Foundation by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

All of the above must be included to be considered for a scholarship. Applicants that provide false information, fail to follow all procedures, fail to submit all requests by the required deadlines, and/or fail to meet all qualifications will be disqualified.

#### **Selection Criteria**

The Lexington Medical Center Foundation awards a limited number of scholarships each year. Consideration of applications will be based on financial need, academic strength of the applicant, work experience, volunteer experience, and extra-curricular activities.

Applicants that are currently employed at Lexington Medical Center will receive additional consideration.

There is no discrimination as to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, or military status.

Applicants selected to receive a scholarship will be notified **BY EMAIL** on or before **Friday**, **May 30,2025**.

#### **Additional Information/Requirements**

Scholarship recipients should be prepared to provide a photo for submission to print and social media publications and understand that their biographical information may be submitted and published along with their photo in hospital publications and local media outlets. Submission of photo is granting Lexington Medical Center / Lexington Medical Center Foundation authorization to use picture and names for promotional use. *Photos are required only if you receive a scholarship award.* 

Application materials become the property of Lexington Medical Center Foundation and will be treated as confidential documents to maintain the privacy of all applicants.