STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Objective:

To award two $1,000 scholarships at each Annual Meeting to students who are pursuing a career in Health Information Management.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in a formal educational program for Health Information Management professions in the State of Maryland. The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) must accredit this program.

2. Students must be entering their final year of study.

3. Applicants must have 35 hours with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) OR 30 hours with a 3.2 average active and by the end of the spring semester will have obtained 35 credits. Applicant will also be considered if they have MdHIMA or AHIMA involvement.
**Application Process:**

1. Applicants must submit the prescribed online application form.

2. Applicants must submit an official transcript with the application to the President of the Maryland Health Information Management Association (MdHIMA) postmarked no later than **60 days prior to annual meeting**. Incomplete or late submission will not be considered.

Mail transcript(s) to:

Dina Smoker, RHIA, CPC  
1400 Old Farm Lane  
York, PA  17403

**Judging:**

The scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee comprised of the President, President Elect, and the Immediate Past President of MdHIMA. The awards will be based on the applicant’s grade point average, contribution to the Health Information Management profession, honors, awards, recognition, and potential for leadership. MdHIMA reserves the right to verify all information submitted by the applicant, and the right to request additional references.
**Awards:**

1. A representative of the Public Relations & Marketing Committee will present two $1,000 scholarships to the recipients from MdHIMA at the Annual Meeting Luncheon.

2. Payment of the award, in the name of the student, will be sent directly to the student’s educational program for disbursement.

3. MdHIMA shall provide registration fee and lunch for the recipient for the day of the meeting at which the presentation is to be made. Lunch is also provided for one program director and one guest of their choosing.

4. Notification of the scholarship shall be printed on the MdHIMA website following the presentation. Media release will be sent to the Baltimore Sun, as well as the hometown newspaper of the recipient, and the school where the recipient is enrolled.

**Relinquishment of Award:**

If, for any reason, the recipient does not continue in Health Information Management educational program, the award shall be relinquished, and the monies shall remain with the educational program.