MdHIMA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Objective:

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

Eligibility for the MdHIMA Scholarships:

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 and have not been awarded any MdHIMA Scholarship for the academic degree being sought through this application.

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

Application Process:

1. Applicants must submit the prescribed online application form by visiting the MdHIMA website at http://www.mdhima.org/members/scholarships/. From this page you will find additional information and the Scholarship Application link for completing and submitting the application.

2. Students must apply for the MdHIMA scholarship and be a current member of American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

3. Applicants must submit a current transcript (official or unofficial), or multiple transcripts if necessary, in order to report the required GPA and credit hours. The transcript(s) should be scanned and e-mailed to the President of the Maryland Health Information Management Association (MdHIMA), and it must be submitted by the scholarship deadline of April 3, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. The MdHIMA Scholarship Committee contact name and e-mail address is listed below:

   MdHIMA.csa@gmail.com
4. Winning applicants without the required credit hours by time of the scholarship deadline will receive $500 at the time of being awarded the scholarship, and must show proof of successful completion with above mentioned GPA to obtain the remaining $500.

Judging:

The scholarship recipients for the MdHIMA scholarships 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 (GPA), 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 MdHIMA 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(s) 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 scholarships shall be printed on the MdHIMA website following the presentations. 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 his/her Health Information Management educational program, the award shall be relinquished, and the monies shall remain with the educational program.