

Greater St. Louis HFMA 2010 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PURPOSE: The Greater St. Louis Chapter of Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) awards membership scholarships to students who are enrolled full time at a university and to students who attend a university part time and whose employer does not cover the membership dues. Visit our national and local chapter websites for more information (www.hfma.org; www.hfmastlouis.org).

BACKGROUND: The future of the Greater St. Louis Chapter HFMA depends on continually bringing in new members and mentoring them as to the importance of being involved in professional organizations that have a direct impact on their own professional and career growth. Individuals who are enrolled in healthcare management/finance programs at our local universities (full and part-time) provide our Chapter with energy, ideas and manpower to help us grow and make a greater impact on the healthcare community.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Greater St Louis Chapter of HFMA will consider a maximum of three students per fiscal year for the scholarship program who meet the eligibility requirements and submit their application by the deadline. An application for scholarship consideration shall be completed and submitted with documentation to support the following requirements by November 30th the first year and thereafter by March 31st. The Membership committee will review applications to verify eligibility requirements have been met and submit recommendations to the Greater St Louis Chapter of HFMA Board for approval. The scholarship award will provide seventy percent of the annual membership fees and the student will be responsible for paying thirty percent of the annual membership fees.

1. The student must be enrolled at either local accredited universities and working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree.
2. The student must be enrolled as a full time or part time student and have completed one year (as defined by the university) of education toward a RHIA, MHA, or MBA degree with a grade point average 3.0 or better. Documentation of enrollment at the university, credit hours earned, and grade point average must be submitted with the application by the student prior to the deadline.
3. The student must agree to participate on a Greater St Louis Chapter of HFMA committee (3 – 5 hours per year) and perform assigned tasks during the year that membership scholarship was awarded. A certificate of understanding with committee designation shall be signed by the student. The committee chairperson shall track and log the hours worked by the student and submit to the Chapter Board. A past president will be assigned as a mentor to provide feedback to the recipient regarding their performance to the Board. The award recipients will be recognized at the St Louis Chapter of HFMA Awards ceremony.
4. For Year 1, there will be three recipients for the award and it will be prorated for a half year fee.

Application and instructions are on the reverse side.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATA:

Applicant Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of School/Program: _____ GPA: _____ Antic. Grad. Date: _____

Telephone # _____ Address: _____

1. Please respond to the following questions. Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary.

a. What are your career goals?

b. Why did you choose the healthcare field?

c. What do you plan to gain from joining HFMA?

d. What energy do you plan to bring to our organization?

e. How do you think our profession can impact the future of healthcare?

2. Please have your department head or a professor send a letter of recommendation to the Greater St. Louis Chapter of HFMA Membership Committee. (See contact information below.)

Applications, documentation supporting your enrollment and course history and letters of recommendation are due by 11/30/2010.

Contact information for questions and submission of application and supporting documents:

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