



## \$2,000 Scholarship Application Packet

The SDHCA Scholarship Committee will review and award scholarship(s) to qualified individuals who are advancing his/her education and practice in the long term health care profession. **This scholarship requires a match by the employer.**

**\$1,000 will be awarded by SDHCA to each qualified scholarship recipient.  
An additional \$1,000 will be awarded by the scholarship recipient's employer.**

This scholarship will be awarded for the Fall 2023 Semester. Only complete application packets will be considered that include the College Acceptance Letter, Employer Reference Form and Personal Reference Form.

[Online application available here.](#)

Please complete the entire application packet including the reference forms and return to South Dakota Health Care Association (SDHCA), 804 N Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 no later than **July 20th**.

Reference forms should be given to contacts of your choice for them to return to our office. The completed Application Packet and a copy of your College Acceptance Letter that you are attending Fall 2023 **must be returned to the SDHCA office by July 20th**.

### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment Information:

Name of Facility \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

List college/university/correspondence course program which you are attending or have been accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

College City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of major/degree you are enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_

How many quarters or semesters have you completed? \_\_\_\_\_

How many credit hours per quarter or semester? \_\_\_\_\_

How many credit hours will you take? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your grade point average? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you had any other special training related to long term health care? If so, please explain:

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Please describe your interest in long term health care, including how you became interested in the profession and related experiences you have had:

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Please describe your future professional plans in the health care field and your commitment to the long term health care field:

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## College Acceptance Letter

**Applicant: Please provide us with a copy of your College Acceptance Letter that you will be attending in Fall 2023.**

## Scholarship Agreement

As the recipient of the SDHCA scholarship, you agree to the following conditions of the scholarship program. These conditions are:

- ⏏ Recipient agrees to work full-time for one year in an SDHCA Member Center upon completion of his/her higher education.
- ⏏ The recipient will be in contact with the SDHCA Member Center during his/her higher education training and will report to the SDHCA Member Center upon completion of training.
- ⏏ If the recipient does not work the required one-year after finishing school, then he/she agrees to pay back SDHCA at a rate of \$100.00 per month for each month not worked upon completion of his/her higher education.

### Verification:

If I, \_\_\_\_\_, am awarded the SDHCA scholarship, I pledge to work in an SDHCA Member Center for a minimum of one year upon graduation.

Along with a copy of your College Acceptance Letter, please include the following signed statement:

You are verifying that you will indeed be attending the following college the Fall 2023 Semester.

Name of College you will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witnessed by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

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**Send to: South Dakota Health Care Association  
804 N Western Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2098**

# Employer Reference Form

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We appreciate your help in selecting the recipient of this scholarship. **This reference form must be returned to SDHCA and must be received by July 20th .**

**Return forms to:**

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Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2098

All references and recommendations are kept confidential. **Failure to respond prior to the deadline will disqualify applicant from being considered.**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION**

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of reference \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number of reference \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position of reference \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip of reference \_\_\_\_\_

How long has the applicant worked in your Center? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate the applicant on the following?

	Low	Average	High
Maturity	_____	_____	_____
Sensitivity to Residents' Needs	_____	_____	_____
Commitment to Long Term Care	_____	_____	_____
Ability to Communicate	_____	_____	_____
Leadership Skills	_____	_____	_____
Interpersonal Relationships	_____	_____	_____
Attendance Record	_____	_____	_____

Briefly describe why you believe this applicant would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship:

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Signature of Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Employer Matching Scholarship Pledge Instructions

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nursing Facility or Assisted Living Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer Financial Match Agreement:** If this applicant is chosen to receive a SDHCA Scholarship, as the employer, we do hereby agree to invest in the education of this applicant by matching SDHCA's scholarship in providing a monetary pledge toward the higher education training fees of the above-named student in the amount of \$1,000 for enrollment of the 2023-24 semesters. Refer to the Scholarship Agreement section of this scholarship application for more details.

Who is the Nursing Facility or Assisted Living contact person for this student who is signing that the facility will provide a monetary match of \$1,000 should this applicant be qualified as a SDHCA Scholarship recipient:

Facility Contact Person's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Official Facility representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# Personal Reference Form

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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION**

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of reference \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number of reference \_\_\_\_\_

Title or position of reference \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, Zip of reference \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe why you believe this applicant would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship:

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Signature of Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_