

## Example Questions

- 1. Does the scholarship committee know who they are reviewing/considering?**
  - It is a blind review process.
  - All applications that are sent to the scholarship review committee are blacked out and numbered. There are no names on the applications.
  - References can hint to their association with HealthAlliance Hospital but we still would not know specifically who the applicant is.
  
- 2. How are the sections of the criteria weighted?**
  - Each section (essay, recommendations, affiliation with HealthAlliance Hospital, grade point average, community involvement, financials, background/resume) weighted by committee members and discussed.
  - Each year applicant pool changes and therefore the weights can vary year to year.
  
- 3. What programs/majors are acceptable/considered?**
  - Any major/program that is related to the medical field (clinical or administrative).
  - Example: Health care administration, nursing, physical therapy, medical office administration
  
- 4. If I received a HealthAlliance Hospital scholarship in the past am I more likely to receive one this year?**

No, each year the applicant pool is different, therefore the competition varies year to year.
  
- 5. If I am on a wait list for a health care major can I apply?**

You must be accepted into the program to be eligible for the scholarship.
  
- 6. How long does a program need to be to be considered?**

Length of program is not required – the requirement is that it is human health-care related.
  
- 7. Do we need to be present at the awards ceremony?**
  - No, but it is appreciated. You can send someone in your absence to accept.
  
- 8. What does hospital affiliations mean?**
  - Any involvement by you or your parent(s)/guardian can be listed.
  - Example: Guild member, volunteer, employee (part time, full time, per diem), event committee member, Board of Trustee or child of Board of Trustee member, physician, child of physician

**9. Is there a cut-off on incomes that are not acceptable or considered?**

- No, the applicant pool varies year to year and therefore the income levels of awardees changes each year
- Also, number of children in college affects the weight of your income. Example: Someone earning \$100k year but has 3 children in college would be taken into consideration versus someone making \$75k with no children in college.

**10. What qualifies as a dependent?**

- Please check out the FAFSA website and the information we have available on the tables.
- Dependent test on FAFSA form.
- Generally, if the parents are claiming the child as a dependent then you must list parents' income and your income on the FAFSA form.

**11. If the transcript is sealed can it be sent by the student with the complete application?**

Yes, this year the student can send the sealed transcript with the application. It does not need to be sent directly from the school.

**12. If the student is already in a program do they still need their acceptance letter or is the transcript enough?**

The transcript is enough information to meet the requirements of the application.

**13. Is it okay to send more than one acceptance letter?**

Yes, you may send more than one acceptance letter but we request that you inform us of where you will be attending and what program you will be enrolling in.

**14. Do the letters of recommendation need to be sealed?**

This year the letters of recommendation do not need to be sealed.

**15. Is it okay to call to confirm that all of our information has been received?**

Yes, we encourage you to call 978-466-2270 to confirm that all of your information has been received. It is the applicant's responsibility to make certain their application is completed by the deadline of April 3, 2009.