



Scholarship Application 2009 – 2010

DEADLINE: All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.

About the Scholarship Program:

The Houston Area Health Information Management Association (HAHIMA) awards scholarships on an annual basis to students pursuing a degree in health information management (HIM). HAHIMA established this scholarship program to promote and advance the HIM profession through study and education.

The HAHIMA scholarship fund contains **\$2000** to be divided among up among qualified applicants. HAHIMA recognizes that students often accumulate expenses beyond tuition, books and fees. Therefore, the scholarship funds are disbursed by HAHIMA to each winner in the form of a check drawn from the HAHIMA account. Scholarship funds are to be used at each winner's discretion.

Qualifications:

1. Applicant must be enrolled as a second year student in one of the following:
 - a. an accredited RHIT or RHIA Program within District 9.
 - b. an accredited Distance Education RHIT or RHIA Program (must live in District 9)
 - c. an accredited Distance Education RHIA Progression Program (must live in District 9)
2. Applicant has completed at least nine hours of major course work in the HIM Program to which the applicant is enrolled.
3. Applicant has a GPA of 2.4 or higher in their major course work.
4. Applicant is a member of the HAHIMA. (There is no membership tenure required. Membership applications forms can be found at www.HAHIMA.org, and can be submitted with the scholarship application.)

Requirements:

1. This completed Scholarship Application.
2. Certified copy of applicant's transcript.
3. Letter of recommendation from an HIM professional, non-faculty.
4. Essay (500 word minimum) written on one of the following topics:
 - a. Please discuss why you chose the HIM profession. Include what you hope to do through your professional affiliation.
 - b. How do you explain to fellow students, and others, the role and responsibilities of a Health Information Management Professional?
 - c. What skills do HIM professionals have that translate to other fields? Please discuss non-traditional settings and the role the HIM profession can contribute to non-traditional settings.
 - d. There are multiple paths that an HIM professional can choose in traditional healthcare settings. Please discuss your interpretation of traditional HIM. Discuss your preparedness to contribute to HIM in a traditional setting.

Please submit the requirements to:

HAHIMA
c/o Kim Hrehor, RHIA
16623 Gentle Stone Dr.
Houston, TX 77095

All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2010. Based on the qualifications listed above, the HAHIMA Board will determine scholarship awards. Scholarship winners will be announced at the March 2010 HAHIMA quarterly meeting and **must be present at the meeting to receive the scholarship.**

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ School _____

Date Entered HIM Program _____ GPA _____

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications will be destroyed at the end of each membership year. All essays submitted become the property of HAHIMA, and may be published in future newsletters.