



Scholarship Application 2011 – 2012

DEADLINE: All applications must be postmarked by November 26, 2011.

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 to four qualified applicants. If there are less than four qualified applicants, the HAHIMA board will divide the total among the qualified applicants. If there are more than four qualified applicants, the HAHIMA board will award scholarships to the four most highly 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 email to Carla.Tyson@hccs.edu or mail to requirements to: HAHIMA
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All applications must be postmarked by November 26, 2011. Based on the qualifications listed above, the HAHIMA Board will determine scholarship awards. Scholarship winners will be announced at the December 2011 HAHIMA quarterly meeting and **must be present at the meeting to receive the scholarship.**

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ School _____

Type of Program (mark one): _____ on-campus program _____ hybrid _____ distance learning/on-line

Date Entered HIM Program _____ GPA _____