

January 14, 2010 (updated)
Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. and
Arkansas Quality Foundation
\$1,000 Promotion of Quality Nursing Care Scholarship

Scholarship Details

Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care: The Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the clinical evaluation and improvement of health care in Arkansas. Our community-based board of directors includes physicians and representatives from hospitals and other health care providers, businesses and consumers across the state. AFMC provides in-depth quality evaluation and improvement programs for Medicare, Medicaid and other payors. Our services include:

- Data management and review services for both the public and private sectors
- Health care provider outreach and communications
- Continuing education programs for health care providers
- Patient education tools
- Cultural competency training
- Health information technology guidance and consultation

Arkansas Quality Foundation, Inc.: The Arkansas Quality Foundation, Inc. (AQF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation set up by AFMC to develop scholarships and grants to enhance AFMC's goals as set out above.

Because of AQF's infancy, the scholarships are given jointly from AQF and AFMC. This is subject to change without notice.

Promotion of Quality Nursing Care: The scholarship will be awarded to a senior level registered nursing student for the purpose of implementing a project designed to address one of the quality of care goals of AFMC. Half of the scholarship (\$500) will be awarded upon submission of the project proposal, and the remainder of the scholarship (\$500) will be awarded at AFMC's Annual Quality Conference in May 2010, where the successful scholarship recipient will present a poster on the project implementation.

Quality of Care Goals

As part of the National Patient Safety Initiative (NPSI), AFMC has partnered with hospitals, nursing homes and others who are committed to health care quality, to prevent patient harm by improving health care processes and systems.

AFMC works closely with selected hospitals and nursing homes to:

- Prevent healthcare-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus Aureus* (MRSA) infections
- Reduce rates of pressure ulcers in nursing homes and hospitals
- Reduce the use of physical restraints in nursing homes
- Improve inpatient surgical safety and heart failure treatment in hospitals
- Improve drug safety

Eligibility: A senior nursing student currently enrolled in an Arkansas registered nurse program. The student must be in good standing with the program, and submit a letter of recommendation from a nursing faculty member with the application. The recipient of this award must provide a tax id number to AFMC before receiving the funds.

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Scholarship Application Instructions

Please follow these instructions. Any incomplete or applications completed in error will not be considered.

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1. Complete the attached application in its' entirety and sign the last page.
2. Attach a copy of your current transcript that contains your nursing program to date as well as your current enrollment.
3. Attach a letter of recommendation from a faculty member. The letter should be sealed in an envelope, with the faculty members' signature across the seal.
4. Submit all components of the application above together to the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc. The application should be received no later than close of business (4:30 PM) on February 11, 2010:

Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc.

Arkansas Quality Foundation, Inc.

Attn: Nursing Scholarship Committee/PJWilliams

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Fort Smith, AR 72918-0001

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Notice of Award: All applicants will be notified of results on or before March 1, 2010, by e-mail or mail to the address supplied in the scholarship application.

Disbursement of Funds: The scholarship recipient will receive a check in the amount of \$750 on or before March 15th. The final check in the amount of \$250 will be awarded at the Annual Quality Conference, place and time to be established at later date, following successful completion of the scholarship requirements. The 2010 Annual Quality Conference will be on May 21 - 21, 2010, at the Little Rock Embassy Suites.

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Project Implementation: Following initial disbursement of \$500, the scholarship recipient is expected to implement the project as outlined in the scholarship application. If the recipient encounters significant unexpected roadblocks or barriers that require a change in the project, permission must be obtained from the Scholarship Committee of AFMC and AQF.

The recipient must implement the project, and document with photographs, journal, or other methods of documenting the project details and success. The recipient is then required to prepare a poster presentation of the project and have the poster presented at the Annual Quality Conference, as well as project highlights on the AFMC website and other publications.

Questions: Questions regarding this application or instructions should be directed to: Nurse_scholarship@afmc.org or (479) 573-7612.

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Scholarship Application

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Name:
Mailing Address:
Phone Number:
E-Mail Address (for award notification)

School of Nursing:
Cumulative Nursing Program GPA:
Letter of Recommendation from (attach to application):

Essay Question: What is the purpose and role of a Quality Improvement
Organization and how has AFMC fulfilled this role? (250 words or less)

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Project Overview:

What Quality of Care Goal will the project address?

Describe in detail the project. Include the objectives of the project, the target
population, a detailed description of the delivery plan including timeline, and
outcome measurements. If project will involve human subjects in the research or
evaluation, appropriate IRB approval must be submitted.

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