



PAUL & MARILYN STORK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The intent of the Paul & Marilyn Stork Scholarship Program is to offer financial assistance to Avera Tyler employees seeking to advance their professional level of certification or degree. The scholarship formation is a way to help support the Hospital staff with educational opportunities they may not have available otherwise to attain advanced certifications and degrees.

The program will award two or more scholarships annually, each with a maximum value of \$1,000. The value of the scholarship will in part depend on the cost of the advancement program.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship program is open to any current employee of Avera Tyler who wishes to advance his/her current certification or degree. This includes casual employees.

The program the candidate is enrolling in must show a defined benefit to the individual for the advancement in his/her professional level. The new professional level must show a direct benefit to his/her future employment at Avera Tyler.

If the program the candidate is attending is longer than one full academic year, the individual may reapply for a second scholarship. An individual will be limited to two consecutive scholarships for each specified advancement program.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The candidate must fill out an application that will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Description of candidate's current position at Avera Tyler
2. Description of how the advanced education will help the candidate:
 - A. Personally
 - B. Professionally
3. Description of how the education will benefit Avera Tyler
4. Financial need of the candidate in relation to the cost of the program
5. Personal hobbies and interests
6. Community involvement
7. Likelihood of continued employment at Avera Tyler
8. References

In addition, if the applicant is applying for a second scholarship, he/she must provide a written transcript of the first year and have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average. If scholarship for CME was awarded, a completion certificate of CME must be provided.

APPLICATION

The deadline for scholarship applications is March 31 of each year.

PROCESS

The scholarship committee will make selections by the end of June.

When approved, the scholarships will be awarded to the school when enrollment into his/her program is confirmed.

Applications received after the deadline will not be eligible for scholarships that year, but can be held for the following year if desired.

**Completed packet may be emailed to:
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