

## About the Dr. Edward Wegrzynowicz Scholarship

The Dr. Edward Wegrzynowicz Continuing Education Scholarship was established to help further the education of those looking to enhance and continue their education within the healthcare field. Dr. Ed, as he was commonly called, was a life-long student and enjoyed learning about many subjects. Dr. Ed was an anesthesiologist in the Aberdeen area for over 14 years. Those who wish to follow Dr. Ed's example and continue their education are invited to apply.

Employees seeking to obtain additional training such as Lab Techs, Pharmacy Techs, Surgical Techs, Sterile Processing Techs, and those working toward a CMA, CNA or LPN degree or those wishing to take a Continuing Medical Education (CME) course are eligible to be considered for this scholarship.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be an Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Avera Medical Group, Avera Mother Joseph Manor, Avera Eureka Health Care Center, Eureka Community Health Services or Avera Marshall County Healthcare Center employee.
- Employee must be in good standing and have been employed for at least one year at Avera.
- Scholarships will offset costs associated with CME training registration, tuition for online or on-site courses, books, or other necessities.
- Scholarships will not cover travel, lodging or meals.
- The scholarship award will depend on the cost of the advancement program.
- Applicants can only receive one award per year but can apply for and receive the scholarship multiple years.

### Deadline

- All application materials must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered
- One or more scholarships totaling \$1,000 will be awarded annually
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

### Disbursement

- Fall Semester – up to \$1,000

# Dr. Edward Wegrzynowicz Scholarship Application Form

## Application materials required:

- Resume and Volunteer Activities:** Please include a current resume or other summary of your demonstrated leadership, community involvement, and personal hobbies and interests.
- 500-word essay** describing the following:
  - 1) How this educational opportunity will benefit the Avera facility where you work and our patients and residents as well as your fellow employees
  - 2) How this educational opportunity will develop you personally and professionally
- Two letters of recommendation** from co-workers, co-volunteers, professors, or advisor. One letter must be from your immediate supervisor. (Letters of recommendation should be confidential, please ask references to email directly to [foundation@avera.org](mailto:foundation@avera.org) with your name and the scholarship in the subject line)
- Completed application form below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Avera Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time in current position: \_\_\_\_\_ Hire Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Likelihood of Continued Employment at Avera:            High            Medium            Low

Name of the College/University/Technical Institute that you are attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Enrolled?            Yes            No

Degree/program: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Assistance/Scholarships received or applied for:

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**It is strongly encouraged to send your completed application form, essay, and resume by email to: [foundation@avera.org](mailto:foundation@avera.org). Due to security settings, we are unable to open any documents shared in Google Drive, please attach documents to email in PDF or Word format.**

**\*Please use this subject line: Dr. Edward W. Scholarship – your name**

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

Avera Foundation – Dr. Edward Wegrzynowicz Scholarship

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