

About the N. Ben and Howard Weiner Scholarship

The Weiner family founded the N. Ben and Howard Weiner Scholarship program in honor of Howard and his father. N. Ben Weiner co-founded the Louis Weiner Memorial Hospital back in 1950. Howard and the Weiner family felt it was important to have qualified staff that could provide the best health care possible in the community. The scholarship formation was a way to help support the hospital staff with educational opportunities they may not have available otherwise. Because of the scholarship program, staff members in various health care positions have attained advanced certifications and degrees.

The family's generous contributions support health care workers who are investing in educational pursuits. Although there have been many changes to the hospital over the years, it is the Weiner family we have to thank for initiating the first community hospital and maintaining their commitment to health care through the N. Ben and Howard Weiner Scholarship. The intent of the N. Ben and Howard Weiner Family Scholarship Program is to offer financial assistance to Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center employees seeking to advance their professional level of certification or degree.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center employee wishing to advance their current certification or degree – casual employees may apply.
- The program the candidate is enrolling in must show a defined benefit to the individual for the advancement in their professional level.
- The new professional level must show a direct benefit to their future employment at Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center.
- If the program the candidate is attending is longer than one full academic year, the individual may reapply for a second scholarship.
- Limited to two consecutive scholarships for each specified advancement program.
- The value of the scholarship depends on the cost of the advancement program.

Deadline

- All application materials must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered
- Five or more scholarships of up to \$1,000 per scholarship awarded annually
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

Disbursement

- Fall Semester – \$1,000

Questions? Call 605-322-4750 or email foundation@avera.org

N. Ben and Howard Weiner 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 your education will benefit Avera Marshall, its patients, residents, and employees
 - 2) How your education will help you personally and professionally
 - 3) Your financial need in relation to the cost of the program
- Two letters of recommendation** from co-workers, co-volunteers, professors, or advisor.
(Letters of recommendation should be confidential, please ask references to email directly to 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 Marshall: High Medium Low

Have you applied for this scholarship before? Yes No

If yes, have you been awarded this scholarship before? Yes No

**Individuals are limited to two consecutive scholarships for each specified advancement program. If this is your second scholarship application, you must provide a written transcript of the first year and have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA.*

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:

It is strongly encouraged to send your completed application form, essay, and resume by email to: 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: Weiner Scholarship – your name**

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

Avera Foundation – Weiner Scholarship
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Sioux Falls, SD 57117