

About the Avera Foundation Leaders Scholarship

The Avera Foundation offers a scholarship for students pursuing a post-secondary degree in a health care related field. The purpose of this scholarship is to seek out talented individuals, reward their initiative, and encourage them to seek employment after graduation within Avera.

This Leaders Scholarship is dedicated to, and provided in appreciation for, lifetime contributions to health care by the following individuals:

- Sister Colman Coakley
- Sister Stephen Davis
- Sister Rosaria Kranz
- Sister Blanche Kribell
- Don Bierle, Esquire
- Mr. Vi Stoia
- Sister Joan Reichelt

Eligibility Requirements

- Avera employee, or their immediate family member, i.e. spouse, child, or step-child.
- Pursuing *first undergraduate* degree at an accredited, post-secondary institution.
- Degree must be in a healthcare related field.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a four-point scale for post-secondary education.
- Applicants must be classified by their post-secondary institution as a Junior or a Senior in the upcoming school year.
- Previous Avera Foundation Leaders Scholarship award winners are not eligible to apply.

Deadline

- All application materials must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered
- Up to five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded for the upcoming school year
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

Disbursement

- Fall Semester - \$1,000
- Spring Semester - \$1,000

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

Avera Foundation Leaders Scholarship Application Form

Application materials required:

- Extra-Curricular Activities and Volunteer Activities:** Please include a current resume or other summary of your demonstrated leadership.
- 500-word essay** explaining your passion for the healthcare field. How has Avera inspired your path to a healthcare related career? Explain how the values of compassion, hospitality, and stewardship appeal to you?
- Four 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: _____ Personal Email Address: _____

Secondary Email Address: _____

Who is your relative that is employed by Avera? _____

At what Avera facility do they work? _____

Job title? _____

What is your relationship to that person? _____

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

Anticipated date of graduation: _____ College GPA: _____

*overall must be 3.0 or higher

Degree/major: _____

*must be a health care related field

How many post-secondary education credit hours will you have completed prior to the upcoming school year? _____

How many credit hours are required to graduate with the degree you are pursuing? _____

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 in PDF or Word format.

***Please use this subject line: Leaders Scholarship – your name**

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

Avera Foundation - Leaders Scholarship

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