

About the Dr. Dave and Mary Ann Kapaska New Americans in Health Care Scholarship

In enduring recognition of the priceless contributions to the Avera Mission and care for those who just need a hand, the Dr. Dave and Mary Ann Kapaska New Americans in Health Care Fund was created to provide higher education scholarships to New Americans entering the dynamic field of healthcare.

It is the expressly stated desire of Dr. Dave and Mary Ann Kapaska that the scholarship considers books, educational supplies, and housing as includable educational expenses. It is also their desire that the definition "field of healthcare" be not limited to direct patient interactive positions, but rather any field with opportunities within Avera Health.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be a New American (established status as a refugee or an immigrant including first-generation immigrants).
- Pursuing training or education in the field of healthcare.
- Resident in the region served by Avera Health.
- Preference shall be given to applicants pursuing training or education in entry-level direct patient caregiver careers.
- Preference shall be given to applicants showing financial need.

Deadline

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

Disbursement

- Fall Semester – \$1,000

Kapaska New Americans in Health Care Scholarship Application Form

Application materials required:

- 500-word essay** explaining why you want to pursue a healthcare career and how this scholarship will help you reach your career goals.
- One letter of recommendation** from a teacher, school official, advisor, or nonprofit social services organization. (Letter of recommendation should be confidential, please ask writer to email directly to foundation@avera.org with your name and the scholarship in the subject line)
- Completed application form below:**

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Course or Program: _____

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

College/University/Technical Institute location: _____
*City and State

Anticipated date of completion: _____

I understand that this scholarship is only awarded to refugees or immigrants to the United States: Yes No

If you move before July 1, please email foundation@avera.org with your new mailing address.

It is strongly encouraged to send your completed application form and essay 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: *Kapaska Scholarship – your name*

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

Avera Foundation – Kapaska Scholarship
PO Box 5045
Sioux Falls, SD 57117