

HIMSS GREATER ILLINOIS CHAPTER

GIC HIMSS Scholarship Program 2020-2021

Purpose: To provide financial assistance and recognition to qualified students in accredited programs in health management, health information technology, management programs with a health focus, or technology programs with a focus in healthcare information technology.

Objective: Provide two (2) scholarship awards to worthy candidates

Program Structure:

Two \$2,500 scholarships will be offered to selected students: one in a graduate program (to include Masters or Doctorate) and the other in an undergraduate program.

Scholarships will be offered to students in the following types of programs:

- a. Health information management/technology
- b. Health management, with a focus in information management/technology
- c. Clinical programs with a focus in information management/technology
- d. Health science programs with a focus in information management/technology
- e. Business management programs with a focus in health information management/technology
- f. Management science programs with a focus in health information management/technology
- g. Other types of degree programs which emphasize health information management/technology

Eligibility

Participation is open to students who are enrolled in a degree program in an accredited college or university **who reside in Illinois within chapter boundaries**. Certificate programs are not eligible for award. Students must have completed **at least** one quarter or semester in their currently enrolled Healthcare Information Technology related degree program.

Award Criteria

- a) Submission of a ***scholarship application*** and related documents in a single PDF file via email to Development@GICHIMSS.org no later than **midnight on Sunday, December 6, 2020**
- b) Two letters of ***professional recommendation*** must accompany the application. These should include letters from superiors for whom the candidate has worked with and/or college professors with whom the candidate had studied under.
- c) A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0. A most recent ***transcript(s)*** must be included with the scholarship application. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable
- d) A ***short essay*** (500 - 750 words double spaced) that addresses the following questions:
 - What is a major issue facing the health industry and how can information technology address the issue?
 - How do you envision your role in Healthcare Information Technology in the future?

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Criteria for Evaluation of application and award of scholarship will include:

- Meets grade point criterion
- Quality of recommendations
 - Provide specific examples of the candidate's distinctive qualities, attributes, and potential
 - Provide examples of the candidate's professional and academic growth
- Quality of candidate's essay
 - Answer both questions with insightful reasoning, persuasive examples, and a unique perspective

Requirement:

The recipients of the scholarship will be required to serve as a volunteer on Professional Development Committee from January – December 2021. Meetings are held monthly via conference call.

Recognition of Awardees:

- Will be formally recognized at the Career Development Event, Spring 2021
- Will be recognized on website, newsletters, and in person/virtual events

Schedule

The schedule of scholarship program is as follows:

September 14, 2020	Application published to website and open for submission
December 6, 2020	Applications due at midnight
December 2020	Review of applications and selection of award recipients
December 2020	GIC HIMSS Board approval of scholarship awards nominees
January 2021	Award recipients and candidates notified by email/phone call

Questions? Questions or concerns about the scholarship application process can be directed to:

Winnie Chiu
Student Liaison
winny@gichimss.org

Or email
Greater Illinois Chapter
Development@GICHIMSS.org

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What does GIC HIMSS/ HIMSS offer specifically for Students?

- **Scholarships:**
 - The **HIMSS national organization** offers several \$5,000-\$7,000 scholarships to students in the fields similar to industrial engineering, operations research, healthcare informatics, computer science and information systems, mathematics, and quantitative programs in business administration and hospital administration.
 - The **GIC HIMSS chapter** also offers two \$2,500 scholarships annually to students in a health informatics or related field of study, one for a graduate student and one for an undergraduate student.

- **Professional Development Opportunities:**
 - Work with the Professional Development committee for career advancement
 - Assist in the various Professional Development sub-committees

- **Program Development Opportunities:**
 - Work with the program committee in educational program planning
 - Support events with registration or other hosting functions

- **Networking Opportunities:**
 - Attend our local chapter programs to learn about current topics in Healthcare IT
 - Network with other members at chapter events

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About Greater Illinois Chapter, HIMSS

We are a diverse group of experienced healthcare professionals working in the greater Illinois area. GIC HIMSS members work in various settings including hospitals, corporate health systems, consulting firms, vendor organizations, universities, and other healthcare organizations. Our members professional experience ranges from being CEOs, CIOs, CMIOs to physicians, nurses, engineers, analysts and students – highlighting the diverse mix of clinical and technology professionals.

What is our purpose?

- To share ideas and exchange experiences in the field of healthcare information technology and informatics;
- To assist members of the Greater Chicago Chapter and others in developing their knowledge, increasing their effectiveness, and maintaining high-quality standards of performance through continuing education;
- To plan and conduct educational programs that promote an understanding of information and management systems work in healthcare.

During a typical year, we offer multiple educational programs and monthly webinars, as well as our popular social and networking events including our reception at the national HIMSS conference. Our educational programs are designed to share expert knowledge and to facilitate networking among our members.

About HIMSS

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is a global, cause-based, not-for-profit organization focused on better health through information technology (IT). HIMSS leads efforts to optimize health engagements and care outcomes using information technology.

HIMSS produces health IT thought leadership, education, events, market research and media services around the world. Founded in 1961, HIMSS encompasses more than 52,000 individuals, of which more than two-thirds work in healthcare provider, governmental and not-for-profit organizations across the globe, plus over 600 corporations and 250 not-for-profit partner organizations that share this cause. HIMSS, headquartered in Chicago, serves the global health IT community with additional offices in the United States, Europe, and Asia.

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Application: GIC HIMSS Scholarship 2020-2021

Application Checklist

- Completed application form Transcript(s) Essay
- Two letters of professional recommendation All documents into a single PDF

Personal Data

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing/School Address: _____

Current Educational Enrollment

- Undergraduate Master's Post Graduate

Name: _____

Academic Advisor: _____ Department: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Institution: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Course Work

Please identify targeted core courses for your upcoming academic year.

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Official Transcripts and Academic Achievement

Transcript(s) from most recent institution that you have attended must be provided. Transcripts are required regardless of your length of stay at the institution. Complete the following information.

Institution: _____ Degree Program: _____

Dates of Attendance/Anticipated Graduation : _____ to _____

Overall GPA: _____ / _____ Major: _____

Essay

Submit a short essay addressing the following two questions (maximum 375 words per question double spaced):

- What is a major issue facing the health industry and how can information technology address the issue?
- How do you envision your role in Health Information Technology in the future?

Personal Statement

I certify that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. Applicant may be disqualified if any false information is submitted. I understand that all material submitted becomes the property of GIC HIMSS and will respect the decision made by the GIC HIMSS Scholarship Committee regarding the scholarship award recipients.

Respectfully submitted by:

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Email to: Development@GICHIMSS.org