



HIMSS South Dakota Chapter Scholarship Program

The Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) South Dakota chapter awards annually one undergraduate and one graduate scholarship to students related to the health information or technology field.

The goal of the scholarships is to reward students who are investing their education in areas of study that aspire innovation in system design, implementation, and/or analysis to improve the quality of healthcare. The recipients have demonstrated academic excellence and have the potential to be future leaders in the healthcare information and technology industry.

The HIMSS South Dakota Chapter offers the following \$1,000 scholarships:

- Undergraduate scholarship (associate or baccalaureate students)
- Graduate scholarship (masters or doctoral students)

Scholarship Eligibility:

- A full or part-time student in an accredited associate, baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral program related to the health information or technology field.
 - Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA.
 - Undergraduate applicants must have completed at least twelve credits when the scholarship is awarded.
 - The desire to work in healthcare and a degree in one of the following is preferred: health information technology, health information management, health informatics, nursing informatics, or industrial engineering, operations research, computer science, information systems, data analytics, mathematics, or other quantitative programs focused in healthcare
- Must be a South Dakota resident and enrolled in a South Dakota higher education institution.
- Membership in HIMSS is not required in order to apply for the scholarship. However, if the applicant is not a member and they are awarded a scholarship, the HIMSS South Dakota Chapter will provide a complimentary one-year local student membership for the HIMSS South Dakota Chapter.
- Applicant cannot be serving on the HIMSS South Dakota Chapter Board or the Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Previous HIMSS South Dakota Chapter scholarship recipients are not eligible for another scholarship in the same category, but a recipient who has received an undergraduate scholarship may apply for a graduate scholarship should they decide to advance their education.
- Participating students must declare any affiliation, outside support, or conflict of interest in completing the application.

Scholarship Application Criteria:

Scholarships will be awarded to the students deemed most deserving as determined by the HIMSS South Dakota Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee. Although each scholarship may additionally have its own specific criteria, generally applicants must demonstrate the following:

- Leadership
 - School related and academic activities
 - Extracurricular and community service activities
 - Professional society/association involvement (excluding HIMSS)
- Scholarship
 - Academic record
 - Awards and recognition
 - Supplementary education
- Communications
 - Presentations and publications
 - Personal statement
- HIMSS Participation (if a member when applying)
 - Years of participation
 - Extent of participation
 - Leadership roles

Nomination Process:

Any person meeting the eligibility and required criteria may apply or be nominated. Only applications that are fully complete and submitted by the published deadline will be considered.

The online application form will require the following information:

- A completed application using the online application form
- Two letters of recommendation provided by any of the following (peers, colleagues, managers, or professors). Letters of recommendation will not be accepted from anyone serving on the HIMSS South Dakota Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Resume/curriculum vitae