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## **IHCA Foundation Offers Health Care Scholarships for Long-Term Care Employees, High School Students, Veterans and Rural Iowa Residents**

*88 scholarships now available; applications due May 31*

**West Des Moines, Iowa** – The Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA) Foundation is offering 88 scholarships to help individuals interested in pursuing or advancing their career in long-term care. Scholarship opportunities are available for current long-term care employees seeking to advance their health care or leadership skills, as well as high school seniors, veterans or individuals residing in rural Iowa counties who are pursuing an education in health care.

“As the need for highly skilled health care workers continues to grow, the IHCA Foundation has continued to enhance its scholarship program to help meet those needs. We are grateful to have this opportunity, thanks to our generous donors, to support those who are interested in working in the long-term care profession and building a long-term career,” said Lori Ristau, executive director, IHCA Foundation. “For those who choose this profession, it is not just a job; it is a calling. It is a way to build and apply skills to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, while working in a career that is in high-demand and provides exciting opportunities for advancement.”

### **Scholarship Offerings**

The IHCA Foundation is now accepting applications for the following scholarships:

- **John W. & Kimberly D. Grubb Registered Nurse (RN) Scholarship Program** – This \$3,000 scholarship, made possible by the John R. and Zelda Z. Grubb Charitable Foundation, is for employees of IHCA member organizations who are pursuing an RN degree. A total of nine scholarships are available.
- **MolinaCares High School Scholarship Program** – This \$2,000 scholarship, made possible by The Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation (MolinaCares), is for Iowa high school seniors who are in their senior year during the 2021-2022 academic year and enrolled in a certified nursing assistant (CNA), licensed practical nurse (LPN), registered nurse (RN) or bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program for the 2022-2023 academic year. It is intended for those interested in a future career in long-term care. A total of 14 scholarships are available.
- **Linda Juckette Family Rural and Veteran Scholarship Program** – This \$2,000 scholarship, made possible by the Linda Juckette Family Gift Fund, is for anyone residing in a rural Iowa county or is a veteran who is pursuing nursing or health care administration programs or certification programs for dietary management, activities, social services or reimbursement professionals in Iowa, with the goal of working in long-term care. A total of five scholarships are available.
- **Iowa Total Care Leadership Training Scholarship Program** – This \$350 scholarship, made possible by Iowa Total Care, is for managers at IHCA member organizations who are interested in advancing their leadership skills by attending the American Health Care Association’s PHI Coaching Supervision Course. A total of 40 scholarships are available.

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- **IHCA Member Employee Scholarship Program** – This \$1,500 scholarship is for employees of IHCA member organizations who are pursuing a nursing, health care administration or a physical or occupational training program. A total of 20 scholarships are available. This scholarship is made possible by the IHCA Districts, Iowa Council of Nurse Leaders, Iowa Society of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, The Vetter Foundation, Brighton Consulting Group, HPSI Purchasing Services, Right Dose, A Guardian Pharmacy and Robert and Shirley V. Dahl Foundation.

### **How to Apply**

Eligibility requirements, application guidelines and materials are available online at [iowahealthcare.org/foundation](http://iowahealthcare.org/foundation). Completed applications are due by May 31. Winners will be announced in July.

### **About the Iowa Health Care Association Foundation**

Founded in 1988 by the Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA), the mission of the IHCA Foundation is to foster excellence in long-term care for Iowans by building a stronger workforce. The IHCA Foundation carries out this mission by empowering individuals to reach their career goals in the long-term care profession through scholarships, career education and career access programs. IHCA Foundation programs help support career opportunities available in the long-term care continuum, including nursing facilities, assisted living programs, residential care facilities, senior living communities and home health agencies.

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