



2026 GCMH Foundation Health Care Career Scholarship

Grundy County Memorial Hospital (GCMH) Foundation is offering health care career scholarships to students who are pursuing a health care career. Specific health care program eligibility is described below. Scholarships are available to students who are from or reside in the Grundy County Memorial Hospital's service area of Butler, Grundy, Hardin or Tama counties, and current and former employees.

2026 GCMH Foundation Health Care Scholarship Opportunities

Tier 1 scholarships

- GCMH Foundation Health Care Career Scholarship – up to four \$1,000 awards
- Charles L. Ware Memorial Scholarship – one \$1,000 award

Tier 2 and 3 scholarships:

- Sara Lee Yoder Scholarships – ten \$1,500 awards
- Dr. Paul Burgett Scholarship – one \$1,500 award
- Don and Susie Kliebenstein Scholarship - one \$1,500 award
- Merdon Scholarship – one \$1,500 award
- Irene A. Stout Scholarship for Nursing - one \$1,500 award

Tier 1 scholarship eligibility: Student is a high school senior enrolled in a post-high school degree program leading to clinical licensure or pursuing a career in health care.

Tier 2 scholarship eligibility: Student is enrolled in an undergraduate college program in preparation for a program leading to clinical licensure in a health care career.

Tier 3 scholarship eligibility: Student is accepted and is currently enrolled in an accredited health care career program leading to clinical licensure or a health care leadership role or is a graduate level student. Completion of **at least one term** of an official, accredited health care program is needed before application is made.

The Tier 3 requirement to complete one term in your health care program before you are eligible to apply is waived:

- For licensed health care professionals who have completed a health care program and are enrolled in a new degree program to continue their health care education; or
- for students who have completed an undergraduate health care program and have been accepted into a professional or graduate program in health care.

Eligibility:

- Student must be enrolled at least part time for either undergraduate (with a minimum of 6 credit hours) or graduate programs (with a minimum of 4 credit hours).
- Student must currently be a graduating high school senior, live in, work, or have graduated from high school in one of the communities served by the Grundy County Memorial Hospital in Butler, Grundy, Hardin, or Tama counties. Associates or former associates of GCMH are also eligible to apply, no matter what their county of residence.
- Tier 1 applicants: Student must have a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Tier 2 and 3 applicants: Student must have a cumulative post-secondary GPA of 2.5 or higher

Traditional and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.



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Application Form

Application Form Deadline: May 15, 2026

Applicant Name

Health Care Program

Tier 1 application ___ Tier 2 application ___ Tier 3 application ___ (Please check one)

Applicant Information:

Permanent Mailing Address (Street, Apt #): _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone # _____

E-mail Address: _____

Education: Years completed in college: _____

Name and Location of High School: _____

College/University Attended and Location: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____ Degree Earned: _____

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Are you officially accepted into an approved health care program? _____

What approved health care program are you enrolled in? _____

How many total credits have you completed in your health care education? _____

***Personal Statement:** Attach a typed personal statement, not to exceed 350 words. **Your personal statement should clearly address these points:** your decision to work in the healthcare field, long-term goals, and a statement of financial need. Please also address whether you would apply for a job at the Grundy County Memorial Hospital if the opportunity was available. **A well-written and complete personal statement is a key factor in the scholarship award process.**

