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Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the McLeod Regional Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary Health Education Assistance Fund for residents of the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina. This region includes the following counties: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, and Horry. Any resident of these counties studying or planning to study for a health-related career at an accredited school is eligible for financial assistance from this fund.

If all criteria are met, applicants may draw on this fund up to eight (8) semesters but <u>must re-apply</u> <u>each time</u>. A new continuing scholarship is <u>NOT</u> automatic from the Auxiliary.

The award amount ranges from \$500 - \$750. As an applicant, you will need to:

- 1. Complete the application form and recommendations forms attached.
- 2. Procure your transcript, SAT or ACT scores, and GPA.
- Write a one-page essay describing your goals and aspirations as they pertain to a healthcare career, discuss what or who inspired you and why you are applying for a scholarship from McLeod Auxiliary.
- 4. Provide a copy of your acceptance letter from college.

Return all completed forms, information, and transcript of grades to:

McLeod Regional Medical Center Volunteer Services Department Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 100551 Florence, SC 29502-0551

All forms must be returned to the committee by:

- June 5th for the fall semester

- January 5th for the spring semester (continuing applications only)
Please note that incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

A personal interview is required to complete the application process for first time applicants. You will be notified of the time and location. Thank you again for your interest. Should you have any questions, please call our office at (843)777-2082 or (843)777-2234.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hearne, Chairperson McLeod Volunteer Auxiliary Scholarship Committee

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SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND FIRST TIME APPLICANTS

- 1. All applicants must be a resident of the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina which includes the following counties: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, and Horry.
- 2. An applicant must be pursuing a career in a hospital health related field (Pre-Med, BSN, RN, MT, OT, PT, and other such careers associated with hospital medicine.)
- 3. All completed scholarship applications must be received by <u>JUNE 5th</u> for the Fall term and <u>January 5th</u> for Spring term. No new applications will be accepted in the Spring.
- 4. All returned application packets **must** include the following items:
 - The scholarship application properly completed
 - Copy of up-to-date high school transcript with:

SAT scores (800 or above required) or

ACT scores (21 or above required)

GPA (3.5 or above) and date of graduation

- Three (3) recommendations to be submitted (forms attached)
 Evaluators must be: Teachers, Employers, Counselors, and/or Coaches
- Letter of acceptance from an accredited school
- Your essay, your goals and healthcare aspirations
- 5. All award recipients must maintain a semester 3.0 GPA or above and carry a full course load.
 - If grades are not met, applicants may reapply the following semester, grades must be met at the end of that term.
 - If an applicant has two concurrent semesters that grades fall below a 3.0 GPA, he/she may not reapply
- 6. Scholarships are given according to availability of funds, with no guarantee of continued aid.
- 7. Scholarships are awarded for full-time students pursing an Associate Degree at a Technical College or a Baccalaureate Degree at an accredited college/university.
- 8. Applications for Technical School Summer sessions must be returned immediately following the completion of Spring semester.
- 9. Should unusual circumstances prevent the Scholarship recipient from enrolling/attending the school after funds have been dispersed to the institution, it remains the responsibility of the student to inform McLeod Volunteer Services immediately and coordinate reimbursement. Failure to do so will prevent a reapplication for future funds. Schools, at no time, should issue or give any unused funds directly to the student. All unused funds are to be returned to the McLeod Regional Medical Center Auxiliary at PO Box 100551, Florence, SC 29502-0551.
- 10. Maximum monetary award for each student is \$6,000 or \$750 per semester unless the student is a recipient of the Marilyn Godbold scholarship, June Smith Scholarship, or the Sylvia Slone Kitchen Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Continuing assistance is available for eight (8) semesters.

 We do **NOT** offer post graduate assistance.
- Marilyn Godbold Scholarship will be \$1000 per semester
 June Smith is \$500 per semester
 Sylvia Slone Kitchen Memorial Nursing Scholarship is \$500 per semester
- 12. Students receiving excess scholarship funds may use these funds toward books from the University.