HIMSS GREATER ILLINOIS CHAPTER

GIC HIMSS Scholarship Program 2023-2024

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:

- Health information management/technology
- Health management, with a focus in information management/technology
- Clinical programs with a focus in information management/technology
- Health science programs with a focus in information management/technology
- Business management programs with a focus in health information management/technology
- Management science programs with a focus in health information management/technology
- Other types of degree programs which emphasize health information management/technology

Eligibility

Participation is open to students who meet the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in a Healthcare Information Technology (HIT) related undergraduate, master's or post-graduate degree program at an accredited college or university (certificate programs are not eligible for award)
- Reside in Illinois within GIC HIMSS chapter boundaries
- Have a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0

- Have completed at least one quarter or semester in their HIT related degree program.

Application Process

Eligible students should complete the following steps by midnight U.S. Central Standard Time on Sunday, November 17, 2022.

1. Combine the following documents in *a single PDF*:
   - A most recent transcript(s) indicating a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
   - Two letters of recommendation from superiors for whom the candidate has worked with and/or college professors with whom the candidate has studied under.
   - A short essay (500 - 750 words, double-spaced) that addresses both of these questions:
     - In recent years, artificial intelligence (AI) has gained significant attention and adoption in the healthcare industry. Discuss a major challenge or opportunity that AI can address in the field of healthcare.
     - Explain how you envision the role of AI professionals like yourself in leveraging AI to make a meaningful impact in healthcare
2. Complete the <u>online program application</u> and attach the PDF that includes your transcript, letters of recommendation, and essay.

Evaluation Criteria

A panel of GIC HIMSS members will evaluate each candidate according to these criteria:

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

Award Recognition and Conditions

Scholarship recipients will be formally recognized at the Career Development Event in Spring 2024, on the GIC HIMSS website, in newsletters, and during other in-person or virtual events.

Scholarship recipients are required to serve as a volunteer on the GIC HIMSS Professional Development Committee from January – December 2024. Meetings are held monthly via conference call.

Key Dates

- September 11, 2023 - Application opens
- November 17, 2023 - Applications due at Midnight U.S. Central
- December 2023 - Application review and recipients selected
- December 2023 - GIC HIMSS Board approves scholarship winners
- January 2024 - Award recipients and candidates notified by email/phone call.

Questions

Please direct questions about the scholarship application process to Bund Chaudhary, Student Liaison, or the GIC HIMSS Professional Development Committee

What does GIC HIMSS and HIMSS offer for students?

Scholarships

The HIMSS national organization offers several $5,000-$7,000 scholarships to students in 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.

Networking and Professional Development Opportunities

- Attend local chapter programs to learn about current topics in Healthcare IT
- Network with other members at chapter events
- Advance your career by working with the Professional Development committee
- Get a behind-the-scenes look at the GIC HIMSS chapter by assisting with various subcommittees
- Contribute to educational program planning
- Support event registration and other hosting functions

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, causebased, 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-forprofit 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.