Georgia HIMSS 2017 Scholarship FAQ

What is Georgia HIMSS?

The Georgia Chapter of the Healthcare Information Management and Systems Society (GAHIMSS) provides statewide leadership for the advancement and management of healthcare information and technology. Collectively, HIMSS represents more than 40,000 individual members across the country – with GAHIMSS encompassing over 1600 healthcare IT professionals – including many key CIOs from the state's largest hospitals and healthcare facilities. GAHIMSS is dedicated to improving Healthcare IT locally through advocacy, collaboration and education, and to ensure quality patient care throughout the state of Georgia.

Georgia HIMSS Mission: Actively engage our members, sponsors, partners and legislators in improving health and health care in Georgia through information technology

Georgia HIMSS Vision: Better health for Georgians through information technology

What is the scholarship for?

This scholarship is meant to provide assistance to students in Health Information Technology (HIT), Health Informatics, and related programs. This year we are offering up to 6 scholarships for post-secondary students (from technical school to graduate school) currently enrolled a Health Information Technology program (or Health Informatics program or closely related program) in an accredited school in the state of Georgia. The amount of each scholarship will be between $2,000 and $3,000, depending on total funds raised and number of selected recipients.

Who should apply for this scholarship?

Post-secondary students (from technical school to graduate school) currently enrolled a Health Information Technology program (or Health Informatics program or closely related program) in an accredited school in the state of Georgia.

Do I need to be a Georgia HIMSS member?

While membership is encouraged, it is not required.

How are the scholarship applications evaluated?

Scholarship Applications will be evaluated according to the following rubric (minimum of 80% required):

    a. Leadership – 30%

    b. Scholarship – 30%

    c. Vision – 20%

    d. HIT Experience / Engagement – 10%

    e. Georgia HIMSS Current or Future Commitment – 10%

When is the scholarship application due?

Monday, March 27th, 2017.

What needs to be submitted?

A completed application form and two reference letters. One of the two reference letters **MUST** be from an instructor, professor, or program coordinator /director in the health information technology (or HIT or health informatics related) program that you are currently enrolled in.

When will I hear back?

Early April 2017.

If I am selected as a scholarship recipient, what will be expected of me?

- Attend the Annual Georgia HIMSS Golf Tournament (for recognition) on Monday, May 17th, 2017
- Volunteer or participate in at least two (2) Georgia HIMSS events

What if I have additional questions?

Please e-mail us at ga.scholarships@himsschapter.org