

# HIMSS INDIANA CHAPTER

## HIMSS Indiana Chapter Scholarship Program 2020-2021

**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:** Present two (2) scholarship awards to deserving applicants who are attending accredited programs while enrolled in a program affiliated with an Indiana-based academic institution.

### **Program Structure:**

A two thousand five hundred-dollar scholarships (\$2,500) will be offered to two selected students. One in a graduate program (to include Master or Doctorate) and the other in an undergraduate program. Recipients will be provided with a complimentary student membership in the Indiana Chapter of HIMSS for the 2020-2021 fiscal year (Additional value of \$30) and be able to attend HIMSS Indiana Chapter sponsored events at no cost.

### **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 are enrolled in a degree program in an accredited college or university who are either Indiana Residents or Non-Residents. Affiliate and Certificate programs are not eligible for award. Students must have completed **at least** one quarter or semester in their currently enrolled Healthcare Information Technology related degree program.

### **Award Criteria**

- Submission of a **scholarship application** and related documents via email to [indiana.president@himsschapter.org](mailto:indiana.president@himsschapter.org) no later than **midnight on Monday, November 30, 2020**.
- Two to three letters of **professional recommendation** must accompany the application. These should include letters from superiors for whom the applicant has worked with and/or college professors with whom the applicant had studied under within the past three (3) years).
- A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0. A most recent **transcript(s)** must be included with the scholarship application. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable
- Agree to provide photo should they win the Award.
- A **short essay** (500 - 750 words double spaced) that addresses the following questions:
  - Why is information management/technology important in healthcare today?
  - Why have you chosen the field?
  - What is a major issue facing the healthcare industry and how can information technology address the issue?

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## Criteria for Evaluation of application and award of scholarship will include:

- Meets or exceeds grade point criterion
- Quality of recommendations
- Quality of applicant essay

**Requirement:** The recipients of the scholarship will be required to serve as a volunteer on Programs Committee from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Meetings are held via conference call. The scholarship students will be responsible for leading a student outreach event. Sign release allowing HIMSS to share photo, application information and content on website and in promotional materials

## Recognition of awardees:

- Will be recognized at awards gala at the Global HIMSS Conference
- Will be recognized on web site, newsletters, and in person events

## Schedule

The schedule for development and advertisement of the scholarship program and award of the scholarships for the 2020/2021 program year is as follows:

October 12, 2020	Application published to web site and process opens
November 30, 2020	Applications due at midnight
December 18, 2020	Review of applications and selection of award recipients
January 2021	HIMSS Indiana Chapter Board approval of scholarship awards nominees
February 1, 2021	Award winner notified by email and/or phone call nominees

**Questions?** Questions or concerns about the scholarship application process can be directed to:

[indiana.president@himsschapter.org](mailto:indiana.president@himsschapter.org)

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## What does IN HIMSS CHAPTER & GLOBAL HIMSS offer specifically for Students?

- **Scholarships:**
  - The *HIMSS national organization* offers several \$5,000-\$7,000 scholarships to students in the 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 *IN HIMSS chapter* also offers two \$2,500 scholarships annually to students in a health informatics or related field of study, ideally one for graduate students and the other for undergraduates.
- **Professional Development opportunities:**
  - Work with the professional development committee for career advancement
  - Assist in the various professional development sub-committees
- **Program development opportunities:**
  - Work with the program committee in educational program planning
  - Assist at events with registration or other hosting functions
- **Networking opportunities:**
  - Come to our local chapter programs to learn about current topics in Healthcare IT
  - Stay after the program to network with other chapter members.
- **Mentoring Opportunities:**
  - The Mentoring program is intended to foster relationships among various health information technology professionals at different stages in their careers to contribute to the professional development of both the mentors and the protégés.
  - It is hoped that the program can provide opportunities for both mentors and protégés to:
    - enable individuals to build new skills
    - prepare for career advancement
    - build self-esteem, and enhance self-confidence
    - fulfill personal goals

We are a diverse group of experienced healthcare professionals working in the Indiana area. IN 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 Indiana 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.

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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, cause-based, 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-for-profit 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.