

HCA Scholarship Program**Frequently Asked questions and Facts****Who is eligible?**

Students must be enrolled in a full-time nursing program at Miami-Dade Community College and have successfully completed their first semester of nursing courses (NUR classes) with a minimum of a 2.0 GPA. The students must maintain a 2.0 GPA throughout the program.

Which programs are eligible?

Nursing (RN), Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Cardiovascular Technology, Radiologic Technology, Radiation Therapy Technology and Nuclear Medicine.

Are LPNs eligible for the scholarship?

Unfortunately not at this time.

Are International Students eligible?

Yes. As long as the international students have a student visa allowing them one year of practical training. The students will be eligible to receive up to \$3000 in exchange for a one-year working contract with one of our hospitals.

What is the deadline for application?

The application and Degree Audit should be submitted as soon as possible. No application will be accepted once the student is within two months of graduation.

How much is the scholarship award?

The scholarship covers tuition, books and supplies for the nursing program, not to exceed \$6000 in exchange for a two year working contract with an HCA Hospital.

Which are the HCA Hospitals in Miami-Dade County?

Aventura Hospital and Medical Center
Cedars Medical Center
Kendall Medical Center

Will everyone that applies and is accepted to receive the scholarship receive the full amount?

No. Financial aid affects the amount of the award. The financial aid office will advise us of the percentage the students are eligible for.

How do I apply?

The student must fill out the Scholarship Application, available as a download on this web site and at the Nursing School. The application along with a copy of the student's Degree Audit must be delivered or sent to:

Valery Lacayo, MBA
Miami-Dade Community College
Medical Center Campus
School of Nursing
950 N.W. 20th Street
Miami, FL 33127

What is the next step after completing the application?

The student will be advised if he/she is eligible. They will need to fill out a questionnaire (can be downloaded from the web site) and acquire two letters of recommendation (one from the student's clinical instructor and one from their employer, if the student is not employed, another instructor may provide the letter). Once these documents are turned in, the student will be scheduled for an interview with the Scholarship Coordinator: Valery Lacayo.

If I am selected after the interview, what is the next step?

After the interview with the scholarship coordinator, you will be advised by mail if you are recommended for the HCA Scholarship and an interview with the Hospitals.

Can I choose the hospital?

Your preference is highly regarded. You must be accepted by the hospital you select, just like any other job interview.

Will I receive the scholarship award directly?

No. All tuition owed to Miami-Dade Community College will be paid first. The remaining award is then sent to the student in two disbursements.

What happens if I do not fulfill my two-year contract with HCA?

The student will be responsible for paying back the entire award with 8% annual interest.

When does the two-year contract with HCA begin?

Once the student graduates and starts working in one of the hospitals, the two-year contract fulfillment begins.