

DEACONESS ILLINOIS CROSSROADS AUXILIARY

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - \$1,000.00



This must be received no later than Friday, March 21, 2025

Mail or bring to: **the AUX, 3917 Times Square Mall #37, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864**

Applicants must be graduating from a high school and/or attending Rend Lake College in Jefferson County, Illinois; be currently accepted and enrolled in a college or a university to attend in the fall; and have plans to work in the healthcare industry.

Student Information

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PARENT GUARDIAN (If under 18 years of age): _____

Education

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CHOSEN MAJOR: _____

With this application, also submit the following documents:

- copy of your high school / Rend Lake College transcript.
- copy of your college acceptance letter.
- 1 to 2-page cover letter telling us about yourself and why you are choosing the medical field.
Please include information about your chosen major, work experience, and volunteer work experience.
- Four (4) reference letters from employers, supervisors, teachers, clergy, community members or coaches. References from relatives are not acceptable.

Recipients will be notified by their school's scholarship day or by letter no later than April 14, 2025, by the DICAuxiliary. Letters will be sent to the return address to those who were not selected.

Scholarships will be paid directly to the college / the university. All scholarship funds are for tuition and fees.

DEACONESS ILLINOIS CROSSROADS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES

DICA will present **four (4) \$1,000** scholarships, one (1) to a HOSA Student at MVTHS, one (1) to a Rend Lake College Student, and two (2) to those who meet the following criteria:

DICA Scholarships are for **tuition and fees**, any unused scholarship funds should be refunded to DICA.

ELIGIBILITY FOR 2024 SCHOLARSHIP

- 1) Applicant must be:
 - a. Pursuing a medical related profession.
 - b. Currently enrolled in a hospital related healthcare profession curriculum.
 - c. High School Senior who resides in Jefferson County or Current Student at Rend Lake College Student.
 - d. Maintaining grade point average of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

FACTS PERTAINING TO SCHOLARSHIP

- 1) DICA Scholarships will be given on an academic year (4 quarters or 2 semesters).
- 2) All Jefferson County High Schools and Rend Lake College will be notified of available DICA Scholarship funds. The DICA 1st Vice President/DICSA Scholarship Chair and Volunteer Service Coordinator will provide applications to Jefferson County High Schools and Rend Lake College. Dates for return and announcements of the Decision of Awards to schools will be determined yearly. **This year will be awarded by April 14, 2025.**
- 3) Application must be accompanied by a cover letter addressed to:
T Caplan, DICA Scholarship Chair, The AUX, 3917 Times Square Mall #37, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 by the determined date on the application. **The current return date is March 21, 2025**
- 4) Applicant must submit the following as part of the application.
 - a. An official high school transcript of grades:
 - b. A personal profile, stressing the factor relevant to occupational choice and goals.
 - c. Qualifications applicant feels he/she has to pursue the chosen profession.
- 5) Four (4) letters of reference from community member, teachers, counselors, coaches, supervisors or clergy. References from relatives are not acceptable.
- 6) DICA Scholarship Committee will award scholarships based on included Scholarship Evaluation form.
- 7) All returned applications are to be given directly to the 1st Vice President and Committee Member who will redact all student names, pictures or any means of identification on application, cover letters and reference letters to provide unbiased determinations.
- 8) The Scholarship Committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) Auxiliary members appointed by the Auxiliary President. Additional members appointed to this committee must be a consistent odd number.
- 10) Scholarship recipients will be determined by the Scholarship Committee according to the criteria on the Scholarship Evaluation form.
- 11) Scholarship Committee will arrange the Award Ceremony date/time, contact and advise scholarship recipients', contact newspaper, contact previous year's recipients to attend Award Ceremony to share College experiences how this Scholarship helped them achieve their first-year goals.
- 12) Scholarship recipients will be provided with the Scholarship Packet identifying the specific information required to process a check request and this process may take approximately 60 days.
- 13) Scholarship Committee will provide the scholarship recipients with information upon receiving the required documents from the student(s) along with the "Supporting Information" form, and forward to the Scholarship Chairperson who will:
 - a. complete the required check voucher with scholarship recipients' information on the "Supporting Information" form
 - b. obtain the Auxiliary President's (or designated DICA board representative) signature and forward directly to the Treasurer.
- 15) Treasurer will process the scholarship check and return check and forms to the Scholarship Chairman.
- 16) Scholarship Chair will include a standard form letter to the college/university along with the check. A copy of the same letter will be sent to the student for reference/confirmation. A copy of these documents will also be maintained for reference.
- 17) Those who are not selected will be notified by letter, signed by the DICA President, and Scholarship Chairperson who will prepare and mail once signed.