Alabama Chapter of HIMSS Scholarship Program

The Alabama Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (Alabama HIMSS) is pleased to announce scholarships for students of healthcare informatics and technology and members of the Alabama Chapter of HIMSS (“Alabama HIMSS”). Established and funded by Alabama HIMSS, these scholarships are awarded to HIMSS members who exhibit excellence, actively engage in supporting the Alabama HIMSS chapter activities and demonstrate leadership potential in the healthcare information and management systems industry. All Alabama HIMSS students and members are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Scholarship Opportunity

Student Merit Scholarships
Alabama HIMSS has allocated scholarship funds for a maximum of 4 awards in 2020 in the amount of up to $1,250 each. Students meeting the award eligibility and requirements below are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship Eligibility and Requirements

Student Merit Scholarships – Applicants for the Alabama Chapter of HIMSS Scholarship must fulfill the minimum requirements below:

- The applicant must join or be an established member in good standing with National HIMSS or Alabama HIMSS
- Applicant must complete and submit the Alabama Chapter of HIMSS Student Merit Scholarship Application
- Applicant must be able to demonstrate participation or pledge to participate in Alabama HIMSS committees, workgroups and conferences within the year of 2020
- At the time of application submission, the applicant must be a full-time or part-time student in an accredited Associates, Bachelors, Masters or PhD program related to the healthcare information management systems field
- The specific degree program is not a critical factor, although it is expected that programs similar to those in industrial engineering, operations research, healthcare informatics, computer science and information systems, mathematics, and quantitative programs in business administration and healthcare administration will predominate
- Previous Alabama HIMSS Scholarship winners are ineligible

Selection and Award Criteria
The Alabama HIMSS Scholarship Program centers on making change and evolving the Alabama Chapter of HIMSS’ mission of promoting professional development of its members and encouraging the advancement of healthcare information management systems in the state of Alabama. Alabama HIMSS will award up to 4 scholarships based on eligibility and active involvement or pledged plans to engage with the Alabama HIMSS chapter. Suggested activities include:

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1. Volunteer work on one or more Alabama HIMSS Committees including:
   a. **Advocacy:** bridging the gap between state officials and health IT in Alabama
   b. **Marketing:** supporting committees through promotion, increasing the volume of strategic content on the Alabama HIMSS website and exploring new ways to reach our membership including outreach via email and social media
   c. **Student Liaison:** building more exposure and involvement across our state’s colleges, universities, and technical schools
   d. **Sponsorship:** identifying and engaging other organizations in financial support of Alabama HIMSS and its related events and activities
   e. **Membership:** supporting recruiting, retention and value/benefits plans for members
   f. **Programs:** fostering networking and education of members and non-members throughout Alabama, including conferences and social events
   g. **Professional Development:** advancement and professional development of Alabama HIMSS members
2. Supporting Alabama HIMSS events, educational programs and conferences conducted throughout the year.
3. Heightening awareness of Alabama HIMSS and its mission including advice to organizations and individuals, assistance with preparation and distribution of materials, and involvement with members in chapter activities.

**Submission, Timelines and Awards:**

- Applicants must complete the Alabama HIMSS Scholarship application form available for download at [alabama.himsschapter.org](http://alabama.himsschapter.org/)
- Applicants may begin submitting applications on **December 23, 2019**
- The deadline for entry is **March 15, 2020**
- Winners will be announced and notified in **Spring HIMSS Conference to be held in April, 2020**

**For Additional Information or Application**

Please visit [alabama.himsschapter.org](http://alabama.himsschapter.org/) or contact:

Cynthia Hyde, Chair of the Professional Development Committee, at [chyde@e4-services.com](mailto:chyde@e4-services.com) | 251.377.8682

Heather Martin, Student Liaison, at [martinhd@uab.edu](mailto:martinhd@uab.edu) | 334.663.3498

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Alabama Chapter of HIMSS Student Merit Scholarship Application

The Alabama Chapter of HIMSS Student Merit Scholarship is designed to acknowledge full- or part-time students enrolled in an accredited Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or PhD program, in the state of Alabama, related to the healthcare information management systems field, who are dedicated to helping Alabama HIMSS with its mission; to lead endeavors that optimize health and outcomes through the use of health information technology. Our goal is to recognize and reward students who are active in their school, community and the Alabama Chapter of HIMSS, giving back through participation, service and volunteer work.

Applicant Information *(Please print or type)*

Applicant Name: __________________________________________________________

Street Address: __________________________________________________________

City: ______________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Phone: ______________ Email: ____________________________________________

Education Information

☐ Associates* ☐ Bachelors* ☐ Masters* ☐ Doctorate

*Do you plan to continue your education?

☐ Yes Plans: ______________________________________________________________________________________

☐ No ☐ I would like information on continuing my education

Academic Institution of Enrollment: ____________________________________________

City: __________________________ GPA: ______ Anticipated Graduation Date(MM/YY) __________________________

Surname: __________________________ GPA: ______

Major of Study: __________________________

Relevant Healthcare or Technology Experience

Use the space below to describe any relevant experience you have pertinent to healthcare, technology, information, and/or management systems.
Alabama HIMSS Activity Information

Please list all Alabama HIMSS activities in which you have participated, including your level of participation and leadership roles; and/or, areas in which you are willing to participate. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary. Committees include: Advocacy, Marketing, Membership, Sponsorship, Professional Development, Programs, and Student Liaison.

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Use the space below to describe which of the above activities is most important to you and why?

Essay

Please attach a short essay with your application describing how your studies and/or experience will assist in your professional development and career advancement in healthcare technology, information and management systems. Be sure to include in your essay:

- Information about your background in healthcare and/or information technology
- Any unique skills or talents (e.g., multi-lingual, fund-raising, accounting, etc.) and/or major accomplishments (awards, achievements) you may have
- Your future plans in healthcare technology

Please limit essays to a maximum of 500 words.

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I hereby affirm that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission for the use of my name and/or picture in any future publicity for the Alabama HIMSS Merit Scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant ____________________________ Date _________________

Please email your completed application to:
Cynthia Hyde chyde@e4-services.com, or
Heather Martin at martinhd@uab.edu

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