

If re-applying, please complete renewal application as well as provide a current transcript. If applying for the first time, please note and complete the following.

Procedure:

- Completed applications will be accepted by either email or hard copy. If emailed, please scan all appropriate documents to: apply@thedegenfoundation.org, If mailed, send to: PO Box 10366, Fort Smith, AR 72917
- The applicant will interview with Staff and possibly the Selection Committee
- Scholarship Selection Committee recommends applicants for awards
- After the completion of the Selection Process, all applicants will be advised in writing of their status

Selection Criteria:

- Applicants who reside in the 7-county area the Foundation serves (Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Sebastian and Scott Counties in Arkansas; Leflore & Sequoyah Counties in Oklahoma) are preferred.
- Applicant must have scored 21 or higher on ACT and have a 3.0 or higher Grade Point Average (GPA)
- If currently employed in the medical field, continuous employment is preferred
- Generally, both criteria are expected to be met but the Selection Committee would have the discretion for the applicant to meet only one of the criteria if they deem it appropriate

General Conditions:

- Following graduation, the expectation is for the student to remain in the service area and provide support to the community.
- Scholarships will be paid directly to the institution of choice, with proof of enrollment
- At the completion of each educational term the recipient should provide the Foundation, in writing, as to the use of Foundation funds and the benefits derived there from as well as a copy of current grades for that time period.
- Any recipient NOT in academic good standing or whose grades don't meet the requirements of the Foundation (maintaining a 3.0 GPA), will be immediately ineligible for further participation

Note: Misuse of scholarship funds by recipient in violation of representation made to Foundation in request of scholarship funds may be subject to legal action at the discretion of the Foundation

The following items are required for your application to be considered:

- Completed application for scholarship for medical services
- Most recent transcript, ACT test result, and letter of recommendation from a current educational faculty member or if graduated, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member of the school from which you received your degree
- Letter of recommendation from your nursing supervisor or current employer, if applicable
- Proof of acceptance into medical program of choice
- Copy of program description and requirements from college catalog