



Aberdeen Area Human Resource Association Scholarship Program Guidelines

The Aberdeen Area Human Resources Association (AAHRA) has established a scholarship program to assist and encourage educational achievement. The Program is funded by membership dues and was developed to expand educational opportunities and give financial assistance for educational needs. Awards are given without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability or national origin.

Preference will be given to applicants who are children of active AAHRA members; however, all college students are encouraged to apply. Applicant must be in good standing with the college/university, have no academic problems, and must be at least college undergraduate who is entering his/her sophomore year. Applicant must be willing to become a member of a SHRM Student Chapter (if one is available) or a member of the AAHRA; and is enrolled in or planning to enroll in a course of study in Human Resources, Business, or Business Management (major or minor) at Northern State University or Presentation College. Two scholarships will be awarded each year for the fall semester. One scholarship will be given to a Northern State University student and one scholarship to a Presentation College student.

Students must complete the application form and mail it along with a complete college transcript of grades to Aberdeen Human Resources Association Scholarship Committee postmarked no later than April 1, 2010. Applicants are solely responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applicants are evaluated on the information supplied so it is important all required information is completed. All information submitted is confidential and will be reviewed solely by the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, and a statement of education and career goals. Financial need is not considered. Selection of recipients is made by the AAHRA Scholarship Committee. Recipients will be notified by May 15, 2010. Awards are not renewable; however, applicants may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

Two \$500 scholarship awards may be given each year. Awards are to be used for educational costs for one year of part-time or full-time study at Northern State University or Presentation College. If no applications are received from one of the colleges, both scholarships will be awarded to students attending the other college. Payments are authorized by AAHRA. Checks are mailed to the school and are made payable to the school for the student.

Scholarship recipients must enroll in classes in the fall of the year in which the scholarship is given. Recipients have no obligations to AAHRA, except to provide current transcripts and to notify AAHRA of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other pertinent information.

The general review and procedures under which scholarship awards are made are subject to periodic review by AAHRA. Any previously approved scholarships will not be affected by new conditions and procedures.