

**Iowa CareGivers Association
Conference Scholarships
APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 17, 2007**

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Merit Scholarships from the Iowa CareGivers Association (ICA) are now available for direct care workers to attend the annual ICA educational conference on September 10 and 11, 2007 in West Des Moines.

What is the Iowa CareGivers Association?

ICA is an independent nonprofit association that supports direct care workers through education, recognition, advocacy, and research. The ICA is an innovative national model for recruitment and retention of direct care workers in order to improve access to quality care for those who are in need.

What is the Iowa CareGivers Association’s annual conference?

The ICA annual conference is a two-day event filled with opportunities.

- Quality education specifically for direct care workers
- Networking with other direct care workers from across the state of Iowa
- Recognition of the special contributions that direct care workers make every day
- Motivation and enthusiasm that recharges direct care workers
- Fun environment that enhances the learning experience

What are some of the objectives for the 2007 ICA Conference?

Conference participants will:

- Earn 11.0 contact hours of continuing education for attendance on both days
 - Gain new knowledge about various health issues and how to provide cares
 - Increase awareness of self-care and steps that can be taken to ensure a healthy lifestyle
 - Receive information about resources and techniques that enhance caregiving
 - Discuss regulatory and other issues that have an impact on quality care
 - Identify ways to improve professional and personal communication and to build healthy relationships
- (See detailed program objectives in the conference brochure.)

What is an ICA merit scholarship?

- Scholarship that is not based on need alone
- Scholarship awarded based upon recognition of admirable and professional qualities
- Scholarship awarded based upon a sincere desire to grow in the profession of direct care
- Scholarship focused upon the desire to improve personal and professional development
- Scholarship awarded in recognition of good character/behaviors/qualities

What does the ICA Conference Scholarship cover?

Scholarship covers:	Scholarship does NOT cover:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration for two-day conference 2. Continental breakfast and lunch each day 3. Reception at the end of day on September 10, 2007 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hotel room 2. Mileage to and from conference.

When will I know if I received a scholarship?

Most notifications will be made by shortly after the August 17th deadline.

Conference Scholarship Application

Who is eligible to apply for an ICA Conference Scholarship?

A limited number of scholarships will be available to individuals currently employed as Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), Home Care Aides (HCAs), Patient Care Technicians (PCTs), Medication, Hospice, and Rehabilitation Aides, CNA Mentors, Resident Assistants, Personal Assistants, and other direct care workers.

You **DO NOT** have to be a member of Iowa CareGivers Association to be eligible to receive a scholarship.

You **MUST** live or work in Iowa to be eligible for an ICA scholarship.

How do I apply for this scholarship?

- 1) Complete the application form on the following pages. All information and questions must be answered completely in order for the application to be considered.
- 2) Make sure to include the name, contact information and signature of the person serving as your reference.
- 3) Send the completed application to:

Conference Scholarships
Iowa CareGivers Association
1117 Pleasant Street , Suite 221
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
515-241-8587 (fax)
information@iowacaregivers.org

MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 17, 2007!!

NOTE: Do NOT complete your conference registration form until you have received notification from the ICA that you have received a conference scholarship.

Scholarships are made possible through The Department of Human Services and various agencies and individuals contributing to the ICA Conference Scholarship Fund.

Tell us more about you:

Please respond to one of the questions or topics below in 200 to 500 words. Your answer will be reviewed for content and ideas, not for grammar or writing style. Your answer may be handwritten or typed. If you need more space, please attach another sheet.

Questions: Why did you choose a career in direct care? What are some of the most important issues you face as a direct care worker? Describe how you have demonstrated leadership skills either in or out of the workplace. Pick a caregiving experience and explain how it has impacted your life.

REFERENCE REQUIRED

This portion to be completed by your reference

Acceptable references are: Supervisors, Directors of Nursing, Administrators, Human Resources, Education Director, etc.

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First Name	Last Name	Title
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Organization	Mailing Address	
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City	State	Zip
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Relationship to Applicant	Phone	

I support this applicant as a qualified candidate to receive this conference scholarship.

Signature of Reference