



Dick Graham Scholarship 2020 Guidelines

The Augusta Health Board of Directors established the Dick Graham Scholarship upon the retirement of Chief Executive Officer Richard Graham and in recognition of his 17 years of service and leadership to Augusta Medical Center. The scholarship honors Mr. Graham and provides an annual award to an employee, an employee's spouse or an employee's child for tuition at an institution of higher education. Employees serving Augusta Health at the director level or above are not eligible to apply for the award.

The Augusta Health Board of Directors and the Boards' Community Partnership Committee awards a \$2,500 scholarship (renewable for a total of three years and not to exceed \$10,000).

The scholarship is awarded for to a full-time student pursuing an academic field of study at a college or university.

Applications are reviewed and recommended for funding by the Community Partnership Committee and ratified by the Augusta Health Board of Directors. Scoring of applications will be based on academic achievement, financial need, the employee's length of service, (whether the applicant/spouse/parent), and the applicant's personal qualifications. A grade point average of 3.25 or above is required.

Because this scholarship can only be used for tuition, applicants who are receiving tuition reimbursement from Augusta Health are ineligible to apply. However, the children of employees receiving tuition reimbursement are eligible to apply.

Applications are available at <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/58863-Augusta-Health>. Completed applications must be submitted by midnight on March 15, 2020. The scholarship award recipient will be notified by the end of May and recognized at a future meeting of the Community Partnership Committee. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the educational institution.

The scholarship is renewable annually for up to three years as long as the awardee meets the following criteria:

- Maintains a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA (with verification by submission of an official transcript)
- Enrolled as a full-time student, to complete at least 12 academic credits each semester
- Submits a declaration of financial need
- Continued employment at Augusta Health is maintained by the awardee, the awardee's spouse or the awardee's parent(s)
- Attends annual scholarship lunch with Mr. Graham, as scheduled by the Community Outreach office.

A letter to the Augusta Health Scholarship Committee including the required renewal criteria and an official transcript from the Office of the Registrar is due by June 1st of each year.

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