

# Forward Health Foundation

## EMS SCHOLARSHIP

### Purpose:

The Forward Health Foundation is proud to offer scholarship opportunities to advance careers in Emergency Medical Services.

### Eligibility

- Employees of Essentia Health - Deer River and/or Grand Rapids
- Deer River High School Seniors

### Scholarships

The following scholarships are available:

**Ongoing Education** – up to \$500 for conferences and continuing education (for current Essentia Health-Deer River EMS Employees) (3 available/year)

**EMTS:** \$500 for EMT certification (1 available/year)

**Paramedic:** \$1,000 for Paramedic certification (1 available/year)

**Community Paramedic Program:** – up to \$1,500 to current Essentia Health-Deer River Paramedics seeking Community Paramedic certification (subject to funds availability)

### SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Deer River High School Senior with at least 2.5 GPA

Essentia Health - Deer River or Grand Rapids Employee in good standing for at least 6 months.

Applicant must submit a letter of request that describes why they are pursuing an educational scholarship, their educational and employment goals, and how the scholarship would be of benefit.

Scholarships are not awarded for course work already taken.

Scholarship payments are made directly to the educational institution. Upon approval, the applicant will provide the Foundation with the institution's mailing address and their Student ID #.

Payments for conferences/education are made directly to the organization.

Recipient must begin the educational program and begin accessing the scholarship in the term for which the award is granted. Funds will be available up to the scholarship limit for recipient who continues his or her educational program without interruption into the next school year.

Recipient must maintain passing grades and remain in good standing throughout the course of study. Recipient may be asked to submit grades each term prior to the next scholarship payment.

Recipient must provide follow-up information and respond to Forward Health Foundation requests pertaining to their education and career.

### **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS**

1. Foundation will notify all applicants by email of the status of their application.
2. The following criteria will be used in the scholarship selection process:
  - a. Dedication to the profession
  - b. Dedication to the community
  - c. Serve as a positive ambassador for Essentia Health-Deer River, Deer River Community and Emergency Medical Services Profession