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RE: Scholarship Opportunity

To Whom it may concern,

Faith Regional Health Services Volunteers offers a comprehensive scholarship opportunity. Any student 14 years of age or older is eligible to begin earning points to be applied to the scholarship application by simply volunteering at Faith Regional Health Services.

The program is not based on the degree a student will be pursuing, but rather a combination of the number of volunteer hours a person has performed at Faith Regional Health Services, as well as community involvement, academics, letters of recommendation, volunteer performance and goals. Students in any area of study are encouraged to pursue this financial opportunity. Applications and verified FRHS volunteer hours are due **March 31st** of each year. Awards will be issued, jointly, to recipient and college, in May.

Any person pursuing a higher education degree is eligible to apply for a scholarship, which will be given in the amounts of \$500; \$1,000; \$1,500; or \$2,000, provided the applicant volunteers at Faith Regional Health Services for a minimum of 110 hours and meets the other eligibility requirements. All requirements are detailed in the attached scholarship information sheet and brochure.

One of the main criteria for this scholarship is hours volunteered at Faith Regional Health Services. Any person 14 years or older is eligible to volunteer at Faith Regional Health Services. Volunteer hours may accumulate from year to year, until application is submitted. Dollar amounts awarded increase with number of hours volunteered so it is highly beneficial that your students begin



Faith Regional Health Services Volunteer Scholarship

- Sponsorship:** Faith Regional Health Services Volunteers award scholarships annually to recognize the gift of time given by volunteers. Every day, a volunteer at Faith Regional Health Services enhances a patient's life through acts of kindness and friendship. Their good citizenship is much appreciated by patients and staff.
- Purpose:** To provide scholarship assistance for any eligible volunteer to be used for tuition and related expenses at a higher education institution in the United States to be used in pursuit of a degree.
- Eligibility:** Applicants must volunteer a minimum of 110 hours at Faith Regional Health Services to be eligible to apply for a scholarship. Cumulative hours may be submitted from active status date thru March 31st of the year applying for a scholarship. Once hours have been totaled and submitted for an application, that volunteer's service hours will be re-set to '0' unless a scholarship is not awarded in which case the hours will continue to accumulate for future re-application. Once an application has been received, it is the hope of Faith Regional Health Services Volunteers that the volunteer will continue to volunteer to the best of their capacity, but they must still be an active volunteer at the time scholarship applications are submitted. Volunteers are eligible to re-apply annually for a scholarship as long as all requirements are met. Volunteers not in good standing (missing documentation, 3 missed assignments in the calendar year or 3 unexcused tardies in a calendar year) will not be considered.
- Amounts:** Scholarships are awarded in the amounts of \$500; \$1,000; \$1,500 or \$2,000.
- Selection Criteria:** Faith Regional Health Services Volunteers will be rated on the following criteria:
- Attendance / volunteer performance
 - Organization memberships and community activities
 - Leadership qualities
 - Future goals
 - Academics
 - Total volunteer hours
 - 110-150.9 hours = 10 points;
 - 151-200.9 hours = 15 points;
 - 201-250.9 hours = 20 points;
 - 251-300.9 hours = 25 points;
 - 301+ hours = 30 points
- Requirements:**
- Applications are accepted once a year. A completed application, accompanied by three (3) letters of recommendation and verification of service hours from Volunteer Services, must be received on or before the application deadline of March 31st. Incomplete files will not be considered.
 - Applicants must include a certified copy of their most recent high school, college or higher education transcripts (if most recent schooling was within 5 years).
 - Applicants must be applying to an accredited school and, if selected, must provide proof of registration prior to disbursement.
- Applications:** Completed application, references and transcripts must be postmarked on or before March 31st. Volunteer hours are verified in the Volunteer Services office. Applicants are responsible for ensuring FRHS volunteer hours are correctly logged within the Volgistics Management System (or equivalent used to track volunteer hours). Recipients of the scholarships will be announced / recognized during the Annual Volunteers Recognition Luncheon in May.
- Evaluation:** Each application is evaluated and rated by a Scholarship Committee comprised of FRHS volunteers. The application is individually weighted on six criteria (FRHS attendance/volunteer performance; organization and community involvement; leadership qualities; future goals; academics or work experience; and total number of approved FRHS volunteer hours) for a maximum total of 100 points. Applicant's combined points from each of the six criteria determines scholarship award amount.
- Unsigned or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Volunteer Scholarship selection committee and/or FRHS staff reserve the right to adjust/over-ride requirements, as deemed necessary.