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Veterans Scholarship

The AHIMA Foundation is proud to support those who have served our country through our **Veterans Scholarship Program**. We seek to develop the next generation of health information management (HIM) professionals by helping our men and women in uniform move on to a bright new future and career in healthcare. Get started now by reading the criteria below outlining how to qualify for the scholarship!

Scholarship Intent and Eligibility:

- ★ Designed to provide financial assistance for:
 - Veteran Military Service Members from the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard.
 - Spouses of Active or Veteran Service Members, including surviving spouses
- ★ Individuals must be:
 - Accepted into an accredited Health Information Management (HIM) or Informatics program in the United States, and
 - Enrolled as a full time student in one of the following degree-granting programs:
 - Associate
 - Baccalaureate
 - Graduate Degree

Award:

- ★ This \$10,000 award is funded by AHIMA and the AHIMA Foundation in recognition and appreciation of the recipient's efforts on behalf of a grateful nation.

Submission Requirements:

- ★ Candidates will prepare and submit a 250-400 word essay to include discussion of the following topics (Choose your words carefully as you will undoubtedly reach the limit quickly):
 - Educational and career ambitions
 - Record of military service
 - Record of personal achievement
 - Demonstration of community service
 - Desire to continue to serve others and make a positive community impact
 - Leadership potential
- ★ Selection Preference will be given to:
 - Physically wounded or disabled veterans
 - Surviving spouses
 - Those who served in a combat tour of duty

Application Process:

- ★ Complete the online application: <https://www.scholarselect.com/scholarships/10637-2013-ahima-foundation-veterans-scholarship-program>
 - Application Open Date:** June 6, 2013
 - Application Close Date:** September 6, 2013
 - Selection/Notification Date:** September 23, 2013

*** The selected recipient will be expected to attend the AHIMA annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia (held October 26 - 30, 2013) to receive the award and be formally welcomed into the AHIMA family. The recipient and his/her spouse or other selected family member's travel expenses will be paid by AHIMA.



Required Documents:

- ★ Two Signed Letters of Support
 - a. At least one should be from a Health Information educator, employer, or military superior
 - b. The other may be a personal reference
- ★ Verification of Enrollment
 - a. Formal letter of acceptance and class schedule and/or
 - b. Official transcript from previous semester, if applicable
- ★ Other Documentation
 - a. Veterans
 - Copy of certificate of release of discharge from Active Duty (DD214) must include dates and locations served
 - b. Spouses of Active Duty or Veteran Service Members
 - Copy of marriage certificate
 - Copy of proof of spouse's current active duty status or certificate of release of discharge from Active Duty (DD214). Must include dates and locations served