



April 15, 2015 Deadline for Scholarship Applications

February 13, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the David D. Alston Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce the schedule for selection of scholarship awards for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Scholarships are available for associate, bachelor, masters or doctoral degrees from an accredited college or university, or for programs at an accredited business or trade school. A total of eight scholarships are funded, and selections will be made from applications to fill scholarships of graduating students or those who are no longer eligible.

Who Qualifies?

To be eligible for the Alston Scholarship, the student must be unmarried, under the age of 25, and be the child of an active or retired HRSA-ILA member who has at least ten years of vesting service in the HRSA-ILA Pension Plan. The child may be the natural child of the member, a step child in the current marriage of the member or an adopted child or one for whom legal guardianship has been awarded to the member.

Scholarship consideration is given to eligible dependents of members whose cumulative grade point average is 3.0 or greater and who submit a complete application package by the deadline. The deadline for scholarships for the 2015-2016 school term is April 15, 2015.

How to apply?

To obtain an application contact HRSA-ILA or go to www.hrsa-ila.com. The application and all documentation must be received not later than April 15 by HRSA-ILA. Incomplete applications, or those received after April 15th, will not be considered. Complete instructions may be found in the application. The application must be signed by the ILA participant, accompanied by a school transcript, a 300-word essay, and three letters of reference.

How is the Scholarship Awarded?

The selection of scholarship recipients is made by a panel of prominent educators from the Hampton Roads area. In making their selections, the panel reviews academic achievement, extracurricular activities, recommendation letters, the rigor of courses taken, the potential of success in college as well as other sources of financial assistance available to the applicant.

Scholarships are renewed annually provided the undergraduate recipient maintains a cumulative 3.0 grade point average or the graduate recipient maintains "good standing". Undergraduate recipients must apply for consideration for a graduate scholarship. Undergraduate recipients who apply for graduate scholarships do not receive preferential treatment over other graduate or undergraduate applicants.