

RALPH J. BARRON, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The New York Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators (NYACHCA) believes that the quality of care and life of individuals served is linked to the quality of education of the administrators of the entities that serve them. Our Past President and Region II Governor, the late Ralph J. Barron, Jr. felt the same way. Education and professional growth of the long-term care administrator were very important to Ralph J. Barron, Jr. In his memory, the New York Chapter has created the Ralph J. Barron, Jr. Scholarship Fund. The fund has a singular objective: to help underwrite the cost of education of new members to our profession and college chapter. Each year, the New York Chapter will award \$1,000 in scholarships or grants. This may be one or several awards.

For the purposes of this fund, a scholarship means a financial award to help a student of a bona fide academic institution continue (proactive) his/her studies in the field of health care administration. A grant means a financial award to an individual to underwrite the costs of furthering his/her knowledge in the profession of health care administration. This distinction is made to allow for funding of knowledge enhancing projects that are not part of traditional academic programs, e.g. seminars, conferences, research activities, etc. The award can be for work already completed (retroactive) or for purposes that will be implemented 3-6 months in the future (proactive).

Criteria

Individuals who wish to apply for this year must:

1. Be enrolled in an AIT program or be enrolled in a recognized university/college training program for health care administration.
2. Be a current student member of ACHCA at the time the application is submitted.
3. Must agree to attend the New York Chapter ACHCA Annual Convention to accept the award.

Application

The application for the scholarship/grant must include:

1. Resume and documentation of current academic enrollment (if applicable) .
2. Two letters of nomination. If enrolled in an AIT program, one must be from your preceptor. If a student, one must be from your advisor or professional from the health care administration program.
3. A one-page paper describing your outlook on the future in health care administration, i.e. what drives you to excel in this area, what do you feel will be your significant contributions to the profession, etc.
4. A financial justification of why you need the scholarship or grant, e.g. hardship, already invested heavily in your education, etc.
5. Descriptions of your career goals in the health care administration field.