



Leadership

Toni Preckwinkle
President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Israel Rocha, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer
Cook County Health

Board of Directors

Lyndon Taylor
Chair of the Board

Hon. Dr. Dennis Deer, LCPC, CCFC
Vice Chair of the Board

Robert Currie
Raul Garza
Ada Mary Gugenheim
Joseph M. Harrington
Karen E. Kim, MD, MS

Mike Koetting
David Ernesto Munar
Heather M. Prendergast, MD, MS, MPH
Robert G. Reiter, Jr.
Otis L. Story, Sr.

Provident Scholarship Fund: Health Professional Scholarship

The Provident Scholarship fund draws from Provident hospital's rich history, dating back to founder Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, to uplift and support diversity in healthcare. The fund is supported by Cook County Health, Cook County Offices Under the President and its Project Rainbow initiative designed to address education barriers.

The **Health Professionals Scholarship** provides scholarships to medical and dental students. The Health Professionals Scholarship will support awardees who demonstrate a commitment to serve the healthcare needs of underrepresented communities in Cook County. Students are eligible for a one-time award of \$20,000.

What are the qualifying academic programs?

1st and 2nd Year

- Medical Students MD and DO
- Dental Students DDS and DMD

What are the eligibility requirements for the Health Professionals Scholarship?

- Must be a permanent resident of Cook County (Home address must be in Cook County, cannot use school housing address as proof of residency)
- U.S. citizen, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) approval letter or Permanent Resident
- Must be a current student or enrolled in a qualifying academic program at an accredited academic institution in Illinois
- Demonstrated financial need through FAFSA
- GPA of 2.7 or greater OR in good academic standing where GPA is not applicable
- Consent to allow CCH to use name, school, area of study, hometown, photo, etc. for publicity
- Attendance at the Awards Ceremony

*If a scholar is selected and is unable to meet the conditions, the award may be forfeited, and a runner-up scholar may be selected.

What expenses are eligible to be covered by the scholarships?

Scholarships are intended to reduce financial barriers associated with higher education. Scholarship funds can be used to pay tuition and for any educational expenses deemed necessary by your school. This may include books, laptops, lab equipment, housing, and more. Scholars are required to complete an Allocation Summary detailing scholarship use.

When does the scholarship application open?

Application Period: *Opens:* Tuesday April 26, 2022; *Closes:* Thursday May 26, 2022 at 11:59PM

Application Instructions

If eligible, access application on the CCH website using [Provident Scholarship page](#).

What are the required attachments, and how do I submit them?

Required attachments are only accepted through the online application. Under the Attachments section, upload all required documents. Ensure that you check all relevant file boxes for the files you want to be included. Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered. Required attachments include:

- [I-9 Document\(s\)](#) for proof of citizenship, Residency or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- State ID to show proof of Cook County Residency
- CV/Resume
- Current academic transcript showing your cumulative GPA and current program
- Registration or acceptance letter into one of qualifying academic programs at an accredited academic institution in Illinois
- Current Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA: This is the report you receive after you complete your online application. The document is 5-10 pages and can be downloaded from [FAFSA](#).

- Two letters of recommendation (one from a school administrator, dean, department chair or faculty member, and another from community)
- Personal Statement (400 min-800 max) responding to required prompts below:
 - Why have you chosen to pursue studies in this area?
 - What do you see yourself doing in 10 years?
 - How would you like to utilize your studies in your profession to serve underserved populations and/or communities?
 - What do you see as the biggest challenges to marginalized and underserved populations?

What address should I use on my application?

Please use your home address, do not use school address. Scholars are required to be permanent residents of Cook County.

How is financial need decided?

The Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA will be used to determine financial need. The main factor considered is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). To qualify EFC cannot exceed \$2500, FAFSA must have been completed to apply.

How are funds disbursed?

Funds are paid directly to the educational institution and/or specified creditor(s) associated with educational expenses. Scholars will be required to complete an Allocation Summary.

Do scholars need to pay the scholarship back?

The scholarship is a financial award for a student to further their education and is not required to be repaid.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

providentscholarshipfund@cookcountyhhs.org. This email should only be used to inquire about questions not covered in this FAQ. Any applications sent to this email will not be accepted or reviewed.

How are scholars selected?

Scholars are selected based on eligibility requirements, financial need and scored on quality of documents submitted: resume, letter of recommendations and personal statement. All prompts are required to be covered in your personal statement.

How and when will I be notified if I received a scholarship?

Selected scholars will be sent an email notification of the award decision. Scholars must promptly follow instructions to accept scholarship by deadline provided. Notification of awards will go out starting Tuesday July 5, 2022.