



Scholarship Application

Culver's of Shakopee Medical Career Scholarship Guidelines:

The **Culver's of Shakopee Medical Career Scholarship** was established in 2023. This scholarship is a partnership of Shakopee High School's Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) and Culver's of Shakopee. The Saints Foundation is thankful for this partnership to support and award a scholarship to an individual who has shown passion for a healthcare career and a desire to pursue an **undergraduate degree**. *If you are pursuing a master's or higher, please apply for the Sheridan Hafdal scholarship in lieu of the Culver's scholarship.*

Eligibility: This \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who works or resides in the Shakopee, MN area. Applicants must have been accepted into an accredited health care program. **Preference will be given to:**

- St. Francis (STF) or St. Gertrude's (STG) Employee.
- STF or STG employee's legal relative (spouse/domestic partner, child, grandchild, niece, nephew)
- Retired STF or STG employee's legal relative (spouse/domestic partner, child, grandchild, niece/nephew)
- Employees at any clinic/offsite location affiliated with STF/STG and/or members of their immediate families (employees, spouses/domestic partners, and children).
- The applicant may be a full-time or part-time student and may have been a previous recipient.
- Seniors (12th grade) students of Shakopee Public High School (who been accepted into a health care program).

Process (Submit by April 10, 2026):

- Complete the application form.
- Compose an essay (350-400 word max) relating to your desired role in health care today along with your personal philosophy of healthcare and career goals.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher or current employer. **Your letter of recommendation must come directly from the institution** to the Saints Foundation office at St. Francis and will be considered invalid if not received from the appropriate source.
- Obtain your High School or College transcript. **Your official transcript must come directly from the institution** to the Saints Foundation office at St. Francis and will be considered invalid if not received from the appropriate source. Please note past candidates must resubmit a current official transcript.

Selection Criteria:

- See eligibility above.
- Academic performance of 2.5 GPA or better.
- Social and community involvement.
- Essays will be judged based on clarity, personal commitment, relevance and innovative ideas. Essays should be submitted on plain white, 8 1/2" x 11" paper, typed and be included with the application.
- All aforementioned criteria must be met to be eligible for the scholarship award.

Culver's Scholarship Award:

- The Scholarship Award must be used during the 2026-27 school year.
- The Scholarship Award will be determined in May 2026 and sent to the school on behalf of the recipient by fall.
- If the recipient does not complete his/her program, he/she must reimburse Saints Foundation for the full amount of the award.

Contact Information: For questions – email saintsfoundation@allina.com.



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Sheridan Hafdal Medical Career Scholarship Guidelines:

The **Sheridan Hafdal Medical Career Scholarship** was established in 2023. Sheridan has a very special place in her heart for anyone that is dedicating their career to serve others. She is a grateful patient, mother, spouse, community member and cancer survivor. Saints Foundation is thankful for her continued support to award a scholarship to an individual who has shown a passion for any healthcare career and wishes to pursue a **graduate degree**. *If you are pursuing an undergraduate degree, please apply for the Culvers Scholarship in lieu of the Sheridan Hafdal Scholarship.*

Eligibility: This \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to an individual who works or resides in the Shakopee, MN area. Applicants must have been accepted into an accredited health care program. It is open to any person who will be attending a two- or four-year program with a focus on healthcare and/or medicine. Preference will be given to:

- St. Francis (STF) or St. Gertrude's (STG) Employee.
- STF or STG employee's legal relative (spouse/domestic partner, child, grandchild, niece, nephew).
- Retired STF or STG employee's legal relative (spouse/domestic partner, child, grandchild, niece/nephew).
- Employees at any clinic/offsite location affiliated with STF/STG and/or members of their immediate families (employees, spouses/domestic partners, and children).
- The applicant may be a full-time or part-time student and may have been a previous recipient.

Process (Submit by April 10, 2026):

- Complete the application form.
- Compose an essay (350-400 words max) relating to your desired role in health care today along with your personal philosophy of healthcare and career goals.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher or current employer. **Your letter of recommendation must come directly from the institution** to the Saints Foundation office at St. Francis and will be considered invalid if not received from the appropriate source.
- Obtain your college transcript. **Your official transcript must come directly from the institution** to the Saints Foundation office at St. Francis and will be considered invalid if not received from the appropriate source. Please note past candidates must resubmit a current official transcript.

Selection Criteria:

- See eligibility above.
- Academic performance of 2.5 GPA or better.
- Social and community involvement.
- Essays will be judged based on clarity, personal commitment, relevance and innovative ideas. Essays should be submitted on plain white, 8 1/2" x 11" paper, typed and be included with the application.
- All aforementioned criteria must be met to be eligible for the scholarship award.

Hafdal Scholarship Award:

- The Scholarship Award must be used during the 2026-27 school year.
- The Scholarship Award will be determined in May 2026 and sent to the school on behalf of the recipient.
- If the recipient does not complete his/her program, he/she must reimburse Saints Foundation for the full amount of the award.

Contact Information: For questions – email saintsfoundation@allina.com.



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Eileen Dietz Nursing Scholarship Guidelines:

The **Eileen Dietz Nursing Scholarship** program is made possible through generous donations from family, friends and employees of St. Francis Regional Medical Center and is dedicated in memory of Eileen Dietz for her 20 years of nursing at St. Francis. **For the 2026-27 academic year, one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a practicing nurse and/or one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student nurse; a total of up to 2 scholarships awarded.**

Eligibility: The scholarship award will be given to an individual who is currently enrolled or registered in an accredited nursing program RN (2 year), BA or BSN (4 year), MSN or DNP. **You must be a:**

- St. Francis employee,
- St. Francis employee's legal relative (spouse/domestic partner, child, grandchild, niece or nephew),
- Retired St. Francis employee's legal relative (spouse/domestic partner, child, grandchild, niece or nephew).
- Eligibility also includes employees of any clinic located on the St. Francis Campus and members of their immediate families (employees, spouses/domestic partners, and children).
- The applicant may be a full-time or half-time student and may have been a previous recipient.
- Preference will be given to St. Francis employees.

Process (Submit by April 10, 2026):

- Complete the application form.
- Compose an essay (350-400 words max) relating to the role of nursing in health care today and include your philosophy of nursing and personal career goals.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher or current employer. **Your letter of recommendation must come directly from the institution** to the Saints Foundation office at St. Francis and will be considered invalid if not received from the appropriate source.
- Obtain your High School or College transcript. **Your official transcript must come directly from the institution** to the Saints Foundation office at St. Francis and will be considered invalid if not received from the appropriate source. Please note past candidates must resubmit a current official transcript

Selection Criteria:

- See eligibility above.
- Academic performance of 2.5 GPA or better.
- Social and community involvement.
- Essays will be judged on the basis of clarity, personal commitment, relevance and innovative ideas. Essays should be submitted on plain white, 8 1/2" x 11" paper, typed and included with the application.
- All aforementioned criteria must be met to be eligible for the scholarship award.

Eileen Dietz Scholarship Award:

- The Scholarship Award must be used during the 2026-27 school year.
- The Scholarship Award will be determined in May 2026 and sent to the school on behalf of the recipient by fall.
- If the recipient does not complete his/her nursing program, he/she must reimburse Saints Foundation for the full amount of the award.

Contact Information: For questions, please email the foundation at saintsfoundation@allina.com



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Please check the following scholarship(s) you wish to apply for: (you may apply for more than one):

- Culver's **Medical Career** Scholarship (undergraduate program)
- Sheridan Hafdal **Medical Career** Scholarship (graduate program)
- Eileen Dietz **Nursing** Scholarship (any nursing program)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Full Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Are you currently an employee of STF or STG? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is your Employee #: _____

If no, please list the name of your relative employed at STF or STG _____

Name of current or anticipated program: _____

What is your expected date of graduation? _____

Educational Information

School Name/Address	Course Major/Minor	Last Year Attended	Number of Months/Years Attended	Diploma Degree	GPA
High School					
College/University					
Other					

Employment Experience (list the past 10 years of employment):

1) Employer Name/Address: _____ Dates: _____

Position: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____



2) Employer Name/Address: _____ Dates: _____

Position: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

3) Employer Name/Address: _____ Dates: _____

Position: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

Describe your academic and career goals:

Describe your volunteer, school and/or community involvement:

What are your expected education expenses for the 2026-27 school year (e.g. tuition, room and board, fees, books, etc.) and how do you plan to finance them:

Program Acceptance:

Check the program in which you are currently enrolled:

LPN RN MSN DNP MD Other, please list: _____

Date accepted into program: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

School attending: _____ Expected degree earned: _____

I certify all information in this application and required attachments are correct and will notify Saints Foundation of any changes.

Applicant Signature

Date



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Please check that you have the following submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026 to be eligible:

- Application form
- Essays: 350-400 word max
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Letter of acceptance into an accredited health care field (as noted in the guidelines)
- Sealed official transcripts mailed to:

Brenda Dittmann
c/o Saints Foundation
1455 St. Francis Avenue
Shakopee, MN 55379

***Please note: Letters of recommendation and transcripts must be mailed directly from the sender to Saints Foundation at the address listed above.