

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, NURSING,
OPTOMETRY AND VETERINARY MEDICINE

Guidelines & Application Requirements Overview:

St. Lawrence County offers up to six (6) scholarships per year for professional education in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry and veterinary medicine at approved schools within the United States. The primary purpose of the Scholarship Program is to get newly graduated professionals to practice in St. Lawrence County. This program is conducted by St. Lawrence County in accordance with Section 606 of Article 13 of the Education Laws of New York State. To be eligible for consideration applicants must be, in addition to the specifications noted below, legal residents of St. Lawrence County in the State of New York.

Each scholarship shall be in the amount of \$1,000 per year for a period not to exceed four years of professional study and for an additional period not to exceed two years while engaged in an approved internship and/or residency training program in an accredited hospital in the United States. In exchange for this scholarship award, each recipient agrees to practice his/her clinical profession (medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry or veterinary medicine) within the geographical area of St. Lawrence County at a minimum period equivalent to the number of years of the scholarship award granted to the recipient. If the recipient of a scholarship chooses not to return to practice in their profession, the expectation is that all the scholarship monies will be paid back to the County.

Requirements:

In addition to the requirements noted above, the applicant must also meet the following requirements to be eligible for consideration:

Enrollment as a full-time student in an accredited program for professional education in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry or veterinary medicine in the United States (**PRE-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION**).

Specifically:

Medicine: an accredited program leading to the award of the M.D. or D.O. degree and eligibility for licensure to practice the profession of medicine in New York State.

Dentistry: an accredited program leading to the award of the D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and eligibility for licensure to practice the profession of dentistry in New York State.

Nursing: an accredited program leading to the award of the

Optometry:	Associate, Bachelor or Master Degree or Diploma in the field of professional nursing and eligibility for licensure to practice as a registered professional nurse in New York State. an accredited program leading to the award of the O.D. degree and eligibility for licensure to practice the profession of optometry in New York State.
Veterinary Medicine:	an accredited program leading to the award of the D.V.M. or V.M.D. degree and eligibility for licensure to practice the profession of veterinary medicine in New York State.

Application Requirements:

To be considered for a scholarship award, the following materials must be submitted:

1. Completed St. Lawrence County **scholarship application.**
2. **Statement of intent** to practice his/her clinical profession in St. Lawrence County on a full-time basis upon completion of professional education/training.
3. **Official transcripts** for either secondary or any post-secondary education depending on whether the applicant is finishing high school or college.
4. **Letter of acceptance** to an accredited professional education program in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry or veterinary medicine.
5. A **letter of recommendation** from one or more of the following: teacher, guidance counselor, employer, health care professional.

Application Processing:

1. An announcement of the scholarship program, eligibility and application requirements, and application deadline will be made on an annual basis. The annual application deadline is: **May 31.** All completed applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
2. A total of six scholarships are to be awarded on an annual basis to qualified applicants for professional study in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry and veterinary medicine. Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis.

3. The purpose of the Scholarship Committee will be to make recommendations to the Services Committee of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators. The committee will consist of: County Administrator, Chair of the Services Committee, Director of Public Health, a representative of the Health Services Advisory Board, and the Director of Patient Services.
4. The Services Committee reviews the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. All applications will be available for review by the Services Committee.
5. The Services Committee will make recommendations for scholarship award recipients to the Board of Legislators.
6. The Board of Legislators determines the award recipients.
7. The scholarship program will be coordinated and tracked by the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department.

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION FOR: ___ Medical ___ Dental ___ Nursing ___ Optometry ___ Veterinary Medicine

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO.: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: (if different than above) _____

• IF ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

• IF ATTENDING COLLEGE NAME OF COLLEGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

• DATE OF HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE GRADUATION/ANTICIPATED: _____

• COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Number of years you want scholarship for? _____

MAJOR: _____ TYPE OF DEGREE ANTICIPATED: _____

PROJECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completed St. Lawrence County scholarship application form.
2. Statement of intent to practice his/her clinical profession in St. Lawrence County on a full-time basis upon completion of professional education/training.
3. Official transcripts for secondary schools if in high school or post-secondary education if in college to be sent **DIRECTLY** to address noted below.
4. Letter of acceptance to an accredited professional education program in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry or veterinary medicine.
6. A letter of recommendation from one or more of the following: teacher, guidance counselor, employer, health care professional to be sent **DIRECTLY** to address noted below **NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2009.**

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