

 **Mason Health/Shelton High School Health Sciences Academy Scholarship**

**APPLICATION PACKET**

Thank you for your interest in the Mason Health Scholarship offered to graduating seniors of Shelton High School within the Health Sciences Academy. We are thrilled you are interested in pursuing a career in the healthcare field of Registered Nursing (RN). The following packet contains the information and the forms you need to submit with your scholarship application. Please review the instructions and deadlines carefully, as your eligibility for consideration depends on meeting all requirements.

All materials will be held confidentially by Mason Health Scholarship Committee Members.

This application packet includes the following:

**I. Application:** This is the formal application which will provide us with your basic personal

information

**II. Transcript Request:** We will need a copy of your most recent transcript. Scholarship eligibility requires an overall GPA of 3.0

**III. Essay Submission:** You may choose to write your essay from a list of several questions

**IV. References:** We want to hear from others who know you well and can attest to your ability to succeed in this program. Please provide 2 letters of reference.

**V. Interview Preparation:** If selected for an on-site interview, this will help you prepare and know what

  to expect if you are selected for an on-site interview

**VI. Venue Release:** If offered a scholarship, we will be promoting your story and need your (or if under 18 years old, your parents’) authorization to publish articles regarding your accomplishment.

**Scholarship Timeline**

**January Academy sign up for job shadows**

**Feb -March Job Shadow opportunities at Mason Health. Scholarship preference will be given to applicants who have done a job shadow**

**April 1** **Deadline to return completed Application Documents**

**Mid April** **Interviews will be conducted at Shelton High School**

**May Scholarship Recipients will be notified of scholarship award**

**May** **Presentation of Scholarship Award at Shelton High School**

**MASON HEALTH/SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH SCIENCE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATION FORM**

The Mason Health Scholarship will provide funding for all tuition, books, uniforms, lab and simulation fees, and licensure application and licensure examination associated with obtaining your license. The selected candidates must satisfy any enrollment requirements of your post-secondary school as well as those of the Mason Health Health Science Academy Scholarship.

To be eligible for this program applicants must:

* Be at least 18 years of age by October 1, 2025
* Have a High School Diploma or equivalent by June of 2025
* Graduate from Shelton High School within the Health Science Academy with a minimum 3.0 GPA
* Be able to perform the duties of the position

The ideal candidate will have:

* Passion for serving others
* A commitment to learning
* Great communication and team skills
* Strong ability to collaborate with people of diverse backgrounds

1. **APPLICATION**

Please return this completed application with attachments and send to [neddins@masongeneral.com](mailto:neddins@masongeneral.com) (Nicole Eddins, Senior Director of Performance Excellence at Mason Health) no later than April 1, 2025.

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Home Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Cell Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. Home Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Check all areas of scholarships that you are applying for:

Registered Nurse (RN)

**Education:**

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): Click or tap here to enter text. (On a 4.0 scale)

Anticipated graduation date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Age at graduation: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Background and Demographic Information:**

The next part is not required, but helpful for us. Please only answer if you are comfortable doing so.

How would you describe yourself:

Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White /other

Gender Click or tap here to enter text.

Are you the first person in your family to go to college?

Yes  No

Proficiency with languages other than English: Click or tap here to enter text.

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**II. Transcripts**

A copy of your high school transcript is required. These transcripts should include all the courses you have taken for high school credit, as well as the grades and credits you received from each course.

**III. Essay**

An essay from each Applicant is needed to be considered for the Mason Health/Shelton High School Health Sciences Academy Scholarship. Please select one of the following essay prompts. Your response should be 500 words or less.

1. There are many students interested in this scholarship; why do you think you are the best applicant and should be selected?

1. Working in health care requires hard work and dedication. What previous experiences lead you to believe you will successfully complete the academic and clinical requirements of the program?

1. What do you think will be your biggest obstacle in obtaining your license, and how do you plan to overcome that challenge?

1. Why are you interested in pursuing a career in healthcare?

**IV. Letters of Reference**

Two reference letters are required.  At least one of your reference letters should be from a teacher or school staff (counselor, coach, etc.). If you are currently working, another letter should come from your current employer. The letters should include how the person writing the reference knows you, an honest evaluation of your character, skills, capabilities, ethics, and accomplishments, preferably with specific examples. Reference letters may not be provided by family members.

**V.  Interview Preparation**

It’s natural to feel a bit nervous about an interview. Even adults who’ve been in the workforce for years can feel apprehensive before an interview.  There are many types of interviews. Below describes a little about what you can expect.

* The interview is an opportunity to get to know more about you and share more about the Mason family. We don’t intend to use high-pressure tactics, ask trick questions, or try to trip you up. We simply want to get to know you better so we can do our best to select applicants who we think are most likely to succeed and thrive at Mason Health

* Your interview will be a panel interview which just means you will be meeting with more than one person (typically 3-5) from Mason Health for the interview

* The primary goal of the interview is to get to know you.  It will be structured more like a conversation, than a true interview. We understand you may be nervous, and we will do our best to ensure this is a positive experience for you. Please bring your best and most professional self forward in this safe environment

