

About the Paul & Marilyn Stork Scholarship

The intent of the Paul & Marilyn Stork Scholarship Program is to offer financial assistance to Avera Tyler employees seeking to advance their professional level of certification or degree. The scholarship formation is a way to help support the Hospital staff with educational opportunities they may not have available otherwise to attain advanced certifications and degrees.

Eligibility Requirements

- Current employee of Avera Tyler who wishes to advance their current certification or degree – casual employees may apply.
- Scholarship is to be used for education and may include a college course, workshop, conference or seminar.
- The program the candidate is enrolling in must show a defined benefit to the individual for the advancement in their professional level.
- The new professional level must show a direct benefit to their future employment at Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center.
- If the program the candidate is attending is longer than one full academic year, the individual may reapply for a second scholarship.
- Limited to two consecutive scholarships for each specified advancement program.
- The value of the scholarship depends on the cost of the advancement program.

Deadline

- All application materials must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered
- One scholarship up to \$500 will be awarded annually
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

Disbursement

- Fall Semester – Full amount of scholarship

Paul & Marilyn Stork Scholarship Application Form

Application materials required:

- Resume and Volunteer Activities:** Please include a current resume or other summary of your demonstrated leadership, community involvement, and personal hobbies and interests.
- 500-word essay** describing:
 - 1) How your education will benefit Avera Tyler, its patients, residents, and employees?
 - 2) How the advanced education will help you personally and professionally?
 - 3) Your financial need in relation to the cost of the program.
- Two letters of recommendation** from co-workers, co-volunteers, professors, or advisor. (Letters of recommendation should be confidential, please ask references to email directly to foundation@avera.org with your name and the scholarship in the subject line)
- Completed application form below:**

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Avera Email Address: _____

Position: _____ Supervisor: _____

Length of time in current position: _____ Hire Date: _____

Likelihood of Continued Employment at Avera Tyler: High Medium Low

Have you applied for this scholarship before? Yes No

If yes, have you been awarded this scholarship before? Yes No

**Individuals are limited to two consecutive scholarships for each specified advancement program. If this is your second scholarship application, you must provide a written transcript of the first year and have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA. If scholarship was awarded for CME, a completion certificate of CME must be provided.*

Name of the College/University/Technical Institute that you are attending:

Duration of Program: _____ Estimated Completion Date: _____

Cost of Program: _____ Currently Enrolled? Yes No

Degree/program: _____

Additional Assistance/Scholarships received or applied for:

It is strongly encouraged to send your completed application form and essay by email to:

foundation@avera.org. Due to security settings, we are unable to open any documents shared in Google Drive, please attach documents to email in PDF or Word format.

***Please use this subject line: Stork Scholarship – your name**

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

Avera Foundation – Stork Scholarship

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