



2021 Scholarship Program

Quality Care Health Foundation

Deadline: June 30, 2021

All completed applications and supporting documents must be emailed or postmarked by June 30, 2021

The Paul Tunnell Career Climb Scholarship is named for longtime CAHF member and Board Chair Paul Tunnell. Paul was a licensed nursing home administrator in San Francisco, where he demonstrated daily his genuine appreciation and respect for his staff and residents. His dedication to the profession of long term care and skilled nursing showed in his sense of humor and passion for those he served and guided. It is our hope that the scholarship bearing his name will help foster new long term care/skilled nursing professionals possessing Paul's tremendous strength of character and empathy.

Long-term care employees, take the next step in your professional development with the Paul Tunnell Career Climb Scholarship. This annual scholarship of up to \$2,500 is open to anyone currently working in the long-term care industry with at least one year of experience. No matter what your current position, you can get assistance furthering your educational goals and your career in long-term care, while improving the quality of care you provide to some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Advance your educational goals and career in long-term care, while improving the quality of care you provide to some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Criteria for Application:

- Applicants must be actively employed in the long-term care industry at the time of application and award
- Planning to continue working at a Skilled Nursing Facility, Assisted Living or in Long Term Care
- Applicants must have one year of work experience in long-term care
- Applicants must complete the application form in its entirety, including essay and two (2) letters of reference for submission to be considered
- Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition, textbooks and required materials associated with your education. (QCHF reserves the right to request proof of required materials) To request scholarship funds; recipient must submit receipts and a fund request form and proof of required materials when requested.

Please complete this application in its entirety. The application, essay, and two (2) letters of reference should be typed or printed clearly. All completed applications and supporting documents must be received by their respective deadline dates. Submit via mail to:

***2021 Career Climb Scholarship Selection Committee
scanned PDF sent via email to CMerced@cahf.org***

or

***2201 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816- 4922
(please choose one option only)***

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Career Climb Scholarship Application

(THIS PAGE MUST BE TYPE OR PRINTED CLEARLY)

Applicant Personal Information

Name of Applicant: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant's mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Applicant's email _____

Applicant's Social Security Number: ____ / ____ / ____

Applicant Facility/Company Information

Name of Facility where Applicant works: _____

Work Facility's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Is your employer a member of CAHF? YES NO

Total number of years you have worked for your current employer: _____

Total years in long-term care: _____ What is your present position: _____

Administrator Information

Administrator's Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Ext. _____

Email: _____

Other Information

Name of educational institution where you plan to use your scholarship money:

What is your educational goal?

Have you previously received a QCHF Scholarship? YES, What Year(s)? _____ NO

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Recommendation Letter #1

I certify that all the information contained herein is true and correct.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I knowingly consent to my employer, former employers and references being contacted as to my qualifications for this scholarship award.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Did you remember to attach your 100 -250 word essay and your two letters of reference? Please ensure that your references and essay follow the directions indicated in each form. Thank you for your application.

ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION (2021)

Reference Letter #1 - Must be from the current administrator or employer

Dear _____,

This letter of reference is for: _____

(Applicant: print your name here)

*The above individual is applying for an Career Climb Scholarship, which will be awarded in 2021 by the Quality Care Health Foundation. Please tell us why this applicant should be chosen for an award based on your knowledge of the individual's **initiative, merit, and experience** in promoting quality in the delivery of healthcare in California. Write your thoughts about this individual's eligibility using no more than 250 words. Please print or type clearly. Thank you for your assistance and your support of quality healthcare.*

(Name of person writing reference)

(_____) _____
(Phone number)

Date _____
(Date)

(Please write below this line or attach as convenient)



Recommendation Letter #2

I certify that all the information contained herein is true and correct.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I knowingly consent to my employer, former employers and references being contacted as to my qualifications for this scholarship award.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Did you remember to attach your 100 -250 word essay and your two letters of reference? Please ensure that your references and essay follow the directions indicated in each form. Thank you for your application.

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Reference Letter #2 – A personal reference from a friend, colleague or instructor

Dear _____,

This letter of reference is for: _____
 (Applicant: print your name here)

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_____ (_____) _____ Date _____
 (Name of person writing reference) (Phone number) (Date)

(Please write below this line or attach as convenient)

- Personal Essay -

THIS PAGE IS PROVIDE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TYPE THEIR PERSONAL ESSAY
Use no more than 250 words.

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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2021 Career Climb Scholarship Application Check List

Education can be affordable thanks to programs such as scholarships.

The checklist below will help you keep organized while navigating the scholarship application process.

- Currently Employed at a long-term care/skilled nursing profession in California
- Planning to continue working at a Skilled Nursing Facility, Assisted Living or in Long Term Care
- One year of work experience in long-term care
- Personal Information
- Facility Information
- Administrators Information
- Reference Letter #1
- Reference Letter #2
- Personal Essay