

2026 MHCEA Annual Conference Scholarship Program

Deadline: March 27, 2026

The MHCEA Board of Directors is pleased to announce six (6) scholarships will be awarded to MHCEA members in 2026. The intent of the MHCEA Scholarship Program is to assist in defraying members' expenses associated with the annual conference, thereby providing an opportunity to attend the Annual Conference in Lake Ozark, April 30-May 1, 2026, to members who would otherwise not be able to attend.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

The MHCEA Scholarship Program is funded solely through proceeds generated by MHCEA members. The actual amount of the individual scholarships is evaluated annually by the MHCEA Board of Directors.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following categories:

- first-time attendees
- MHCEA members who have not attended an annual conference in two years or more
- special needs awards (e.g., budgetary constraints)

All applicants must meet the eligibility criteria listed below to qualify. All awards will be dispersed through MHCEA and will cover registration and two night's lodging.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Recipients must be an MHCEA member in good standing or a new member.
- A member may receive only one award, of any type, within a three-year time frame.
- Current board members are not eligible to participate.
- A member may apply for one scholarship per year.

THE PROCESS

- Complete the attached application form.
- Submit a brief statement — one or two paragraphs — describing why you believe you are an appropriate candidate for this award.
- Provide a brief statement of support from your hospital/organization committing to the conference costs in excess of the scholarship award or a statement of personal commitment to cover these expenses.
- Submit your application by March 27, 2026, to Darla Shipman at dshipman@mohospitals.org.
- All candidates will be evaluated and selected by the MHCEA Board of Directors based on established criteria.
- All awards will be announced no later than April 10, 2026, following review and selection by the MHCEA Board of Directors.
- If a recipient declines the award, every effort will be made to award to an eligible candidate. If it is not possible to find an alternate, all award monies will roll over into funds for the 2027 scholarship.

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Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Hospital: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am applying for a scholarship:

- as a first-time attendee
- as an MHCEA member who has not attended the conference in two years or more
- due to special needs (e.g., budgetary constraints)

Enclosed is my personal statement and a statement from my employer confirming my commitment to attend. I verify that I meet the eligibility criteria, have completed the process as described in the 2026 MHCEA Scholarship Program instructions and have received the support of my supervisor to attend the 2026 MHCEA Annual Conference.

Signature: _____

Please return completed application no later than March 27, 2026, to:

Darla Shipman

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