

Allied Health Science Scholarship Descriptions

The Allied Health Science Committee administers three different scholarships: the **Coons-Farrar Endowment Scholarship for the Health Sciences**; the **Ron and Karen Blachly Premedical Scholarship**; and the **Jennille Chalenburg-Sutton Memorial Scholarship**. Each of these scholarships and its specific limitations and/or requirements is described below. If a student is qualified for more than one scholarship, he may apply for and receive more than one, as long as the total amount of all scholarships awarded by Harding does not exceed full tuition. **The student is to indicate on the application form the scholarship/s for which he/she is applying.**

Coons-Farrar Endowment Scholarships for the Health Sciences

Each year 15-20 qualified juniors and seniors who wish to pursue a career in the health sciences are awarded Coons-Farrar Scholarships totaling approximately \$25,000. The Coons-Farrar Endowment Fund was established in 1981 by Dr. Callie Mae Coons in memory of her mother Catherine Ann Farrar Williams. Dr. Coons was chairperson of the Home Economics Department and her husband, Dr. Robert Roy Coons, was chairman of the Chemistry department here at Harding in the early 1930's. The Coons later taught at Pepperdine, but eventually moved to Washington, D.C., where sister Coons continued her nutrition research at the Department of Agriculture.

The Coons-Farrar endowment fund was established primarily to provide scholarships for qualified juniors and seniors (those with at least 60 credit hours total, including CLEP) who plan to pursue careers in biomedical and allied health fields. The recipients are premedical students, nursing majors, dietetics majors, and exercise science majors, as well as those majoring in mathematics, computer science, physical science, and biology that plan to pursue a professional career in the health sciences. In selecting recipients for these awards, the Allied Health Science Committee takes into consideration scholarship (a minimum overall GPA of 3.3 is required), demonstrated capability in one's chosen field, and potential for future service to the biomedical or allied health professions. Financial need is also a factor in determining the recipients. Special consideration is given to those who demonstrate an interest in working in the mission field or in medically under-served areas or to someone who has demonstrated a particular desire to apply current developments in technology to the health field.

Blachly Premedicine Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1991 by Ron and Karen Blachly. Dr. Blachly graduated from Harding in 1973 with a degree in Chemistry and then attended the University of Arkansas Medical School. His wife Karen graduated in 1975 with a degree in Dietetics. This scholarship in the amount of approximately \$2500 is awarded to a full-time junior or senior at Harding who is pursuing a degree in medicine. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and have a good reputation among faculty and students alike. The Allied Health Science Committee recommends several applicants to the Blachlys upon consideration of financial need, scholarship, demonstrated capability, and potential for future service to mankind. Final decisions are made by the Blachlys.

Jennille Chalenburg-Sutton Memorial Scholarship

The Jennille Chalenburg Sutton Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in November of 1994 in memory of Jennille Chalenburg Sutton, the mother of Mike Chalenburg, a member of our administrative computing staff. Because of the care and concern shown to her by a number of Harding nursing students during the last years of her life, Ms. Sutton established this scholarship fund to provide scholarships for qualified students who plan to pursue a career in biomedical, nursing, or allied health fields.

Recipients of this scholarship should be juniors or seniors enrolled in Harding as full-time students. They must maintain a satisfactory grade point average and have a good reputation among the faculty and students. To determine the recipients of this award, the Allied Health Science Committee takes into consideration scholarship diligence, financial need, demonstrated capability, and potential for future service in the Lord's kingdom. Special consideration is given to nursing students who have demonstrated a truly caring spirit.