We are pleased to announce the eighth year of the Kaiser Permanente Health Care Career Scholarship Program. Scholarships are awarded in amounts of $2,000, $5,000, or $10,000 to at least one qualified college-bound high school senior at each of 133 eligible public high schools in the Kaiser Permanente Northwest service area.

Once scholarship recipients have reached their second year of college, they are eligible to:

- Apply for an additional one-time scholarship of $2,000 for their third year of college.
- Apply for paid summer internships at Kaiser Permanente that are available exclusively to scholarship recipients.

The scholarship program aims to facilitate the entrance of diverse and/or economically or socially disadvantaged students into college and health care professions. However, all students who meet basic eligibility requirements are strongly encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION:
Access the application at kp.org/communitybenefit/scholarship/nw

WHO CAN APPLY:
Graduating high school seniors who:

- Attend an eligible high school (see list on back).
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (weighted).
- Are planning to pursue an education and career in an approved human health care field (see list at application website).
- Plan to enroll in fall 2016 at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree or certificate-seeking first-year student.

Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency is not required.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Academic achievement.
- Engagement in activities (extracurricular, community service, and/or work).
- Commitment to a career in health care.
- Character qualities.
- Diversity characteristics.
- Economic and/or social disadvantage.

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

- APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 13, 2016, 5 p.m., Pacific time. Late applications are not accepted.
- INTERVIEWS: February–April 2016. Applicants being considered solely for $2,000 scholarships will not be interviewed. Those being considered for the full spectrum of award amounts will be interviewed. An interview does not guarantee receipt of a scholarship in any amount.
- NOTIFICATION: Late April 2016. All applicants will be notified of their status by the end of April.
- CELEBRATION: May 14, 2016. Scholarship recipients will accept their awards at a ceremony and reception. Invitations will be sent with the award notification.
To apply:
Access the application at kp.org/communitybenefit/scholarship/nw. Completed applications must be submitted online by 5 p.m., Pacific time, on January 13, 2016. You will need a PDF of your current official high school transcript, a teacher or counselor nomination (submitted online by your teacher/counselor), and proof of financial need (only if applicable). See the application for more detail.

Additional consideration will be given to applicants who:
- Are first-generation college-bound students.
- Demonstrate financial need (see application for guidelines).
- Speak English plus a second language fluently.
- Are members of underrepresented and/or diverse populations. Students who identify as Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Asian/Pacific Islander, LGBTQ, or those with a disability are encouraged to apply.
- Are engaged in organized health and wellness activities at school or in school-based health center activities.
- Have regularly volunteered or worked in a public health setting such as a free clinic.

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*If the high school name is not listed, applications will not be accepted.