BCPC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & CHECKLIST

The **Baltimore County Provider Council** recognizes the importance of encouraging college students to pursue careers that support the ever growing senior population. In the past, scholarships were limited to those doing hands on care in long term care settings. We have recently expanded our reach to anyone pursuing an Associates or Bachelor's degree in a field that will enhance the lives of senior citizens. Three $1,000 scholarship will be awarded to assist with reimbursement fees for tuition program / adult education, registration, activity and/or text books.

To learn more or to apply for a Baltimore County Provider Council scholarship, please review the eligibility requirements and complete the application form located on the website.

ELIGIBILITY:
Scholarships are awarded based on the following documentation and eligibility criteria:

1. **COMPLETED BCPC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

2. **AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** WHICH CONFIRMS THAT THE APPLICANT IS:
    a. Actively enrolled in an Associates or Bachelor's level program at a Maryland institution with a declared major that supports the senior population *(ie. Nursing, social work, occupational therapy, gerontology, psychology, etc.)*
    b. Has a **GPA of 3.0 or higher** as evidenced by the unofficial transcript *(High School transcript for entering freshman, or an institutional transcript for active college students).*

3. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**
    a. Letters are **strongly encouraged** to be written by either an academic advisor, professional, employer or community leader.
    b. Letters written by family members will not be accepted.

4. **ESSAY**
    a. Please write an essay (650 word limit) on one of the topics listed below.
    b. All applicants must have a demonstrated compassion for working with the Geriatric Population.
    c. **The essay must be written by the applicant.**

ESSAY TOPIC OPTIONS:
*   Topic #1
    Encouraging healthy living vs. unhealthy living across one's lifespan is imperative especially for our senior population. Through your chosen career path, how can you promote healthy living that will be beneficial for seniors?

- Topic #2
  The Aging process often encompasses both Cognitive and Physical Changes which can be challenging for the today's senior population. Some of these changes may be a result of physical and cognitive development, intelligence and memory, health and biological factors, relationships, personality, and transition factors (grief, loss, retirement, and relocation). Discuss how your career path may assist with addressing changes in Aging.

- Topic #3
  Globally, technology has become a key factor in our daily lives. What are the benefits and challenges that technology can have on aging population?

- Topic #4
  It is known that health disparities, inequalities in health and well-being over the life course may have an impact on the process of growing older. From your viewpoint or that of your chosen career path, how might these issues be addressed?

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

_____SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
_____UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
_____LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
_____ESSAY

All COMPLETED application packets must be electronically submitted to the following e-mail address: **Rcooley-prayer@baltimorecountymd.gov**. Inquiries regarding this application process may also be directed to the e-mail address previously noted.

Application submission DEADLINE – May 5, 2023

Please note that previous award recipients are not eligible for scholarship consideration.