

“Boomerang”

Collaborative Medical Scholarship

The Boomerang Scholarship was established to support Scottsbluff High School graduates pursuing a career in medicine. The goal is that this scholarship would propel them into their post-secondary studies in the health sciences, and to encourage them to return back to Scottsbluff to begin their careers.

This merit based scholarship will be awarded once every four years. The award amount is \$5000, renewable for 4 years with an additional \$5000 stipend for completing a local medical internship program during summer break.

Criteria:

- Attending a 4 year Nebraska College or University, with a focus on Health Sciences
- GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Completed an internship program through Scottsbluff High School
- Completed application

Application Tips

ESSAY:

Please address the following question prompts within the body of your essay:

- Tell us a little bit about yourself, what you enjoy doing, your family, etc.
- What is your favorite thing about living in Scottsbluff?
- Describe how you became interested in healthcare.
- What about your personality and/or strengths will make you successful in this area, why is healthcare a good fit for you?
- Describe how your internship experience has been impactful. What has been your most impactful healthcare experience so far?
- Has rural living affected your perspective of healthcare? Do you envision yourself working in a rural setting when you start your career?
- What are your future healthcare plans and goals?

Your commitment to us:

Criteria to maintain eligibility:

- Maintain a 3.0 or higher college GPA, full time status, while staying on the medical track. If you change career paths to something that is not healthcare, you lose the scholarship.
- Keep in touch at a minimum of once a year to let us know how your education is going.

- Short essay or video logs upon completion of your summer internship, letting us know how impactful it was. We want to send this to your supporters, and use it for future applicants and promotion of the scholarship.
- You are NOT required to return to the Scottsbluff area to work after graduation from college/ higher degrees, just encouraged. We believe Scottsbluff is a wonderful place to live and work, that the relationships here are what make our community unique. We want to help you to continue to be a part of that.

Summer stipend criteria:

- Arrange one summer internship (during one of your summers off) in a medical field, local, under the supervision of a Scottsbluff/Gering provider.
- Work a minimum of 20 hours a week. We encourage working more than this, so you can get the most from this experience. We are giving you a stipend, so that you can be freed up to not have to work another job, and focus solely on your internship.
- Have internship provider sign off on saying you worked a minimum of 20 hours a week.
- Short essay or video logs letting us know how your internship was impactful, permission to post or use for future candidates.

Our commitment to you:

- \$5,000 scholarship renewable for up to 4 years.
- You will receive an engraved boomerang, as a token to take with you to school, as a reminder of your successes, and that we are encouraging you to return back to our community.
- Summer internship will have a \$2500 payout on June 1, and a \$2500 payout on July 1. We will check in with the provider to see how you contributed to serving their patient population, and what they thought of your work ethic.
- We will help connect you with local healthcare professionals.
- We will help connect you with a summer internship that you're excited about.
- We will keep in contact with you throughout the entirety of the scholarship process. We want you to feel connected to Scottsbluff, even if you move away, and to know that your community has got your back.