



## **AGING SERVICES OF WASHINGTON Scholarship Program**

**Purpose:** There is a growing demand for aging services and a shrinking workforce. The ability to provide quality services to seniors, in a compassionate and supportive environment, is highly dependent on a competent and dedicated workforce. The Aging Services of Washington, therefore, provides scholarships for the purpose of attracting and retaining talent in the field of aging services.

**Funding:** Funding for the scholarship program comes from the generous support of our members, vendors, and anonymous parties. These contributors value the promotion and professional development of people who care for or have the desire to care for our elders.

### **Eligibility:**

**Aging Services of Washington Scholarship \$1,000.00:** Any Aging Services of Washington member employee interested in providing care to elders is eligible to apply. Potential applicants include those who are interested in RN/LPN programs, Dietary Programs, Maintenance Programs such as BOMI, Recreational Certificate and Degree Programs, Social Services such as BSW or MSW, etc. You must be attending an accredited school or program. A letter of acceptance into the school or program is required in order for the funds to be dispersed.

**Richard J. Howard Nursing Scholarship \$500.00:** This scholarship was established by the Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland law firm in memory of Richard J. Howard who represented long term care providers and was committed to assisting providers in their goal of excellence. The purpose of this scholarship is to help improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of Aging Services of Washington member caregivers (NAC, LPN, & RN). See attached for eligibility requirements.

**Application Process:** Each applicant must submit a completed application by the deadline indicated on the application form. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Recommendation forms can be sent directly from the referring person or can be submitted with the application in a sealed envelope. References unsealed will not be accepted. You can check on the status of completion of your application by calling the Aging Services of Washington office.

**Scholarship Awards:** The scholarship recipients are determined by a committee of Aging Services of Washington providers, Community College or University Professors, and community members after review of all completed applications. Winners of the scholarships will receive their award at the fall leadership conference. Disbursement of scholarship funds will be made directly to the select school/program identified by letter of acceptance. Unclaimed scholarships will revert back to the scholarship fund.

It is with great pleasure that Aging Services of Washington offers these awards to further the professional development of persons who have a passion and demonstrated commitment to serving seniors in member communities.