

Celebrate Elderhood Scholarship Information

The Kalamazoo County Senior Growth Needs Assessment (August 2011), states that more home based and care management services are needed. Many older adults report difficulties in maintaining good physical, emotional and cognitive health through the aging process. Approximately 5600 older adults are at risk for institutionalization and this number is expected to grow to over 8000 by the year 2030. Along with the growing need is the demand for educated and skilled providers of care.

As such, Celebrate Elderhood recognizes that our community needs more students and employed individuals who want to work with older people and who understand best practices. We are offering two opportunities for scholarships to help meet the need:

1. Targeting the growing number of elders with dementia and to enhance the skill set of currently employed individuals, a scholarship for those interested in taking the “Certified Dementia Practitioner Program.” The scholarship covers the cost of training and certification, which is \$350.00. Applicants must be 18 years old or older, work or live in Kalamazoo County, and currently work with older individuals in a capacity qualified to be credentialed as a [Certified Dementia Practitioner](#).
2. In recognition of the need for more professionals in a multitude of geriatric fields we offer an Academic Scholarship, of \$1000.00 for those currently enrolled in a program of study.

Both scholarships offered can be applied for by double clicking the on the form below.



Celebrates Elderhood Scholarship Application

Thank you for expressing interest in our scholarship program. As part of our policy, we request that you complete the following information. Once your application is received, our selection committee will review your application for consideration and reply by letter whether accepted or rejected. **Please type or print.**

Contact Information		
First Name	Last Name	Initial
Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Email Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Training/Education Information		
Please provide information on what training you are looking to get in relation to a career working with the aging population. If more space is needed please use separate piece of paper.		
Personal Essay		
On a separate sheet of paper in 500 words or less: Share your thoughts on ageism and why you want to work with the elderly population OR Share a personal experience that led you to want to work in this field. Please share how you expect to use scholarship money.		
Other		
What other scholarships have you qualified for?		
Are you eligible for funding elsewhere (example: employer?) If so, please list:		
References		
Please provide 1 written professional/academic reference and 1 written personal reference. Include the contact information for these persons.		
Please note this is not a renewable scholarship. Those seeking continued scholarship funds must reapply each year.	If scholarship funds are granted, applicant must provide documentation/proof of enrollment in training.	

All applications must be received by March 15, 2017.
 Please send your application and supporting documentation to:
 Celebrate Elderhood Scholarship