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**Veterans Scholarship**

The AHIMA Foundation is proud to support those who have served our country through our **Veterans Scholarship Program**. We seek to develop the next generation of health information management (HIM) professionals by helping our men and women in uniform move on to a bright new future and career in healthcare. Get started now by reading the criteria below outlining how to qualify for the scholarship!

### Scholarship Intent and Eligibility:

- ★ Designed to provide financial assistance for:
  - Veteran Military Service Members from the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard.
  - Spouses of Active or Veteran Service Members, including surviving spouses
- ★ Individuals must be:
  - Accepted into an accredited Health Information Management (HIM) or Informatics program in the United States, and
  - Enrolled as a full time student in one of the following degree-granting programs:
    - Associate
    - Baccalaureate
    - Graduate Degree

### Award:

- ★ This \$10,000 award is funded by AHIMA and the AHIMA Foundation in recognition and appreciation of the recipient's efforts on behalf of a grateful nation.

### Submission Requirements:

- ★ Candidates will prepare and submit a 250-400 word essay to include discussion of the following topics (Choose your words carefully as you will undoubtedly reach the limit quickly):
  - Educational and career ambitions
  - Record of military service
  - Record of personal achievement
  - Demonstration of community service
  - Desire to continue to serve others and make a positive community impact
  - Leadership potential
- ★ Selection Preference will be given to:
  - Physically wounded or disabled veterans
  - Surviving spouses
  - Those who served in a combat tour of duty

### Application Process:

- ★ Complete the online application: <https://www.scholarselect.com/scholarships/10637-2013-ahima-foundation-veterans-scholarship-program>
  - Application Open Date:** June 6, 2013
  - Application Close Date:** September 6, 2013
  - Selection/Notification Date:** September 23, 2013

\*\*\* The selected recipient will be expected to attend the AHIMA annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia (held October 26 - 30, 2013) to receive the award and be formally welcomed into the AHIMA family. The recipient and his/her spouse or other selected family member's travel expenses will be paid by AHIMA.



### Required Documents:

- ★ Two Signed Letters of Support
  - a. At least one should be from a Health Information educator, employer, or military superior
  - b. The other may be a personal reference
- ★ Verification of Enrollment
  - a. Formal letter of acceptance and class schedule and/or
  - b. Official transcript from previous semester, if applicable
- ★ Other Documentation
  - a. Veterans
    - Copy of certificate of release of discharge from Active Duty (DD214) must include dates and locations served
  - b. Spouses of Active Duty or Veteran Service Members
    - Copy of marriage certificate
    - Copy of proof of spouse's current active duty status or certificate of release of discharge from Active Duty (DD214). Must include dates and locations served