

Boomerang Collaborative Medical Scholarship

The Boomerang Scholarship was established to support Scottsbluff High School graduates pursuing careers in medicine. This scholarship is made possible through a collaboration between dedicated community members, healthcare providers, and Regional West. It reflects a shared commitment to empowering students as they advance their educational and professional aspirations. The program underscores the power of community in fostering the next generation of healthcare leaders and contributors to our region.

The goal of this scholarship is to propel students into post-secondary studies in health sciences while encouraging them to return to Scottsbluff to begin their careers.

This **merit-based scholarship** is awarded annually. The award amount is \$2,000, renewable for four years, with an additional \$3,000 stipend for a local medical internship program during summer break.

Scholarship Criteria

- Enrollment at a four-year college or university with a focus on health sciences.
- High school GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Completion of an internship program through Scottsbluff High School.
- Submission of a completed application.

Application Tips

Essay Prompts:

Address the following questions in your essay:

1. Share a little about yourself—your interests, family, and hobbies.
 2. What is your favorite thing about living in Scottsbluff?
 3. Describe how you became interested in healthcare.
 4. How do your personality traits or strengths align with a career in healthcare? Why is it a good fit for you?
 5. Reflect on your internship experience. What has been your most impactful healthcare experience so far?
 6. Has rural living influenced your perspective on healthcare? Do you see yourself working in a rural setting in the future?
 7. Outline your future plans and goals in healthcare.
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Your Commitment to Us

To maintain eligibility, scholarship recipients must:

- Maintain a minimum college GPA of 3.0, full-time enrollment, and remain on the medical track. (Switching to a non-healthcare field will forfeit the scholarship.)
- Provide annual updates on your educational progress.
- Submit a short essay or video log after completing your summer internship to reflect on its impact. These reflections may be shared with supporters and future applicants.
- While returning to Scottsbluff after graduation is encouraged, it is not required. We believe Scottsbluff is a wonderful place to live and work, with relationships that make our community unique.

Summer Stipend Criteria:

- Arrange a summer internship (during one of your college summers) in a medical field, under the supervision of a Scottsbluff/Gering provider.
- Work a minimum of 20 hours per week (with the option to work more for a richer experience). The stipend is intended to free you from other job commitments so you can focus on the internship.
- Have your internship provider verify your hours and performance.
- Submit a reflective essay or video log about your internship experience, with permission to share it for future promotion.

Our Commitment to You

- A \$2,000 scholarship renewable for up to four years.
- A personalized engraved boomerang as a reminder of your successes and encouragement to return to Scottsbluff.
- A \$3,000 summer internship stipend, distributed as \$1,500 on June 1 and \$1,500 on July 1, contingent on provider feedback and verification.
- Assistance connecting with local healthcare professionals and securing an exciting summer internship.
- Continued support and connection throughout your scholarship journey. We want you to feel tied to Scottsbluff, even if life takes you elsewhere, and to know that your community stands behind you.