

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Foundation

RHONDA SHIMMENS SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline - 4:30 p.m. – **October 19, 2026**

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Address:		Middle Initial:	
City:		Telephone	
State:		Zip:	
E-mail:		County: Miller	
SSN#:			
Are you eligible to work in Missouri two years following completion of the program? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
EDUCATION			
Circle the highest grade completed: High School: 9 10 11 12 GED College: 1 2 3 4			
PROGRAM TYPE AND COURSE			
Indicate type and name of the course/program in which you are enrolled in or to which you have been accepted			
☐ Independently established course _____			
☐ Professional Accreditation _____			
☐ Continuing Education _____			
☐ Other Licensed or Registered Profession _____			
Provide a brief description of the course or program:			
Name of Program/School/College/Institute:		Address:	
Contact Person:		Title of Contact Person:	
Program Start Date:		Telephone ()	
Program End Date:		Total cost of program/course?	
** Attach a schedule of fees and proof of enrollment or acceptance. **			
EMPLOYMENT			
Are you presently employed by St. Mary's?		Start Date:	
☐ Yes ☐ No		Do you plan to remain with St. Mary's?	
Employment Status:		Department/Unit:	
☐ Full-Time ☐ Part-Time		Ext:	
Years of SMJC employment:		Name of Work Supervisor or Director:	
		Ext:	

All information is confidential and for programmatic purposes only.

PERSONAL STATEMENT	
On a separate sheet, submit a personal statement describing your commitment to SSM Health St. Mary's Health Center. Include information detailing the need and benefits of the training/education. This statement is not to exceed one single-spaced typewritten page. On a separate sheet list your extracurricular, community, volunteer or health care activities. <i>(It is important for the selection committee to have this information from all applicants.)</i>	
REFERENCE (Current Employer)	
Applicant must be an employee in good standing for 12 consecutive months at the time of application. Include at least one letter of reference from a work supervisor or director.	
<u>APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY E.O.D. MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026.</u> INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SSM HEALTH ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT 573-761-7156 or email Tori Baker at Tori.Baker@ssmhealth.com.	
<i>I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that all funds will be used for educational-related expenses. I hereby authorize the release of personal, scholastic and financial information related to my educational status from any academic institution I have attended in the past, am currently enrolled or may be enrolled as a student in the future, to the St. Mary's Foundation Scholarship Committee.</i>	
Signature of Applicant:	Date:

NOTE: This scholarship program is a competitive process, and all eligible applications will be evaluated. All eligible applications may not receive funding. **The scholarship application must be completed in its entirety to be eligible for consideration.**

Application Instructions

Overview

In 2023, the SSM St. Mary's Hospital Foundation - Jefferson City established the Rhonda Shimmens Scholarship to honor Rhonda's exceptional service to SSM Health St. Mary's. This scholarship can be used for independently established courses, professional accreditation, or continuing education programs. Applications will be made available during the fall scholarship cycle and the award will be announced in early November of each year in conjunction with Rhonda's work anniversary.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for the RHONDA SHIMMENS scholarship, you must:

- ✓ Be a full- or part-time (benefit eligible) employee, in good standing, employed with SSM Health St. Mary's for a minimum of 1 year (*12 consecutive months*) at the time of application.
- ✓ Be an employee seeking to develop his/her technical or professional abilities in an area identified as an appropriate need in the workforce at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital – Jefferson City.
- ✓ Show proof of enrollment or be in the process of completing enrollment in an independently established course, or professional accreditation or continuing education program.
- ✓ Submit a letter detailing the need and benefits of the education or training.
- ✓ **Complete all required application information** and send to the Foundation office by E.O.D. on **Monday, October 19, 2026**.

Preference will be given to:

- Nursing staff
- Employees who display good work ethic, leadership, and compassion
- Employees with volunteer and community involvement
- Employees with multiple years of service at SSM Health St. Mary's

Complete applications will include:

- A completed application form with all requested information attached.
- Official verification of enrollment in an established course or a professional accreditation or continuing education program.
- A schedule of fees and/or costs of the course or program.
- Completion of personal statement describing your commitment to SSM Health St. Mary's, including details on the need and benefits of the education or training.
- A list of your extracurricular, community, volunteer, or health care activities.
- At least one letter of reference from a work supervisor or director.

How Much Can I Receive?

The recipient will be awarded \$1,500.

How Are Recipients Chosen?

A selection committee is comprised of members of the SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Foundation board of directors and administrative staff. Applications will be screened for eligibility prior to being reviewed by the selection committee. Applicants will receive letters of acceptance, or denial of scholarships within 60 days of the application deadline.

How Do I Apply?

Application forms for the Employee Scholarships are available, upon request, from the SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Foundation Development Office by calling 573-681-3742, or by visiting our website at

www.givetossmhealth.org/stmarysjc.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all parts of the application are properly completed and delivered by the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Mail all application materials to SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Foundation, Development Office, 2505 Mission Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Need More Information? Contact: Tori.Baker@ssmhealth.com; 573-681-3742