Innovative and Transitional Education Scholarship  
*(Non-Credit Certificate Programs)*

**Purpose**

To provide need-based financial award to students pursuing non-credit certificate programs within the Division of Innovative and Transitional Education, consistent with our mission to deliver quality short-term education that supports the ever-changing and relevant needs of the healthcare community.

**Funding**

Funding for the Innovative and Transitional Education Scholarship will come directly from fundraising efforts.

**Eligibility Requirements**

It is the intent of the Division of Innovative and Transitional Education that scholarships be awarded based on the criteria of desire and need. Students will be considered based upon submission of the Innovative and Transitional Education Scholarship application along with the following:

- Student must be enrolled in a **non-credit certificate program** (excludes the following credit certificate programs: EMT, Paramedic, Medical Coding, Ophthalmic Technology, Polysomnographic Technology, and Community Health Worker)
- Documentation to support annual household income (Form 1040)
- High-school diploma or GED
- Letter of recommendation which describes the candidate’s commitment to educational and professional growth
- Essay (no more than 500 words, typewritten and double-spaced) explaining:
  1. How the scholarship will facilitate the candidate’s educational and career pathways
  2. Why the candidate chose to pursue the selected program at Mercy College

Highest consideration will be given to students demonstrating the greatest financial need and the strongest commitment to personal growth within the healthcare field.
Deadlines

Applications and accompanying documentation must be submitted no later than June 1st for disbursement on August 1st and no later than November 1st for disbursement on January 1st to:

Becky Benschoter  
Mercy College of Ohio  
Division of Innovative and Transitional Education  
2221 Madison Avenue, Room M2607  
Toledo, OH 43604

The selection committee will make a decision no later than 30 days after the application deadline, at which time a formal letter will be mailed awarding the scholarship to the chosen recipient(s).

Number and Value of Scholarship

Non-renewable scholarships will be awarded twice per year (August 1st and January 1st) to students pursuing non-credit certificate programs at Mercy College. The number of awards given and the amount of each award will be determined based upon monies available each year in the Innovative and Transitional Education Scholarship Fund. Scholarships generally range from $250 to $500.

Selection Committee

Selection of scholarship recipients will be made by a three-person multidisciplinary committee consisting of a faculty representative, a non-faculty representative, and the Dean of the Division of Innovative and Transitional Education or a designated representative thereof. The Dean or designated representative of the Division of Innovative and Transitional Education will serve as chair of the selection committee.

Once the Mercy College Foundation has released to the committee chair the amount available to fund scholarships for a given disbursement date, the selection committee will review applicants and make a selection based upon criteria for the award. A formal letter awarding the scholarship will be mailed to chosen recipient(s) after a decision has been made, and the funds will be disbursed by the Foundation to Mercy College toward tuition costs.

Questions?

Contact Becky Benschoter at (419) 251-1877 or Becky.Benschoter@mercycollege.edu.