

ANNA MARIE CLAUSEN HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP 2025

ESSAY GUIDELINES AND RUBRIC

This scholarship is open to any area in the health field including, mental, social and psychological areas.

In a well-developed essay, please address the following questions:

Please describe how you came to choose the health field as your area of choice. Include any activities that you might have participated which drew you to this field of study as well as future plans.

Please keep in mind the following criteria: 1000 words or less, typed double spaced.

Each applicant will be scored using the rubric below:

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Introduction (Organization)	The introduction is inviting, states the main reason the student is interested in the health field and previews the structure of the paper.	The introduction clearly states the main reason the student is interested in the health field and previews the structure of the paper, but is not particularly inviting to the reader.	The introduction states the main reason the student is interested in the health field, but does not adequately preview the structure of the paper nor is it particularly inviting to the reader.	There is no clear introduction of the main reason or structure of the paper.
Commitment (Voice)	The writer successfully uses several reasons to try to show why they are committed to entering the health fields.	The writer successfully uses one or two reasons to try to show why they are committed to entering the health fields.	The writer attempts to show why they are committed to entering the health field.	The writer made no attempt to show why they are committed to entering the health field.
Development and Organization	The writer's essay has an engaging introduction that orients readers and provides a strong conclusion. It also establishes a natural/logical sequence of reflection, using effective transitions to convey this.	The writer's essay has an effective introduction and provides a conclusion that sums up the reflection. It has a logical flow, but needs more transitions.	The writer's essay has an introduction that needs more development and lacks a strong conclusion. It includes unnecessary information and may seem choppy.	The writer's essay lacks an effective introduction and ends abruptly. It also includes distracting information and has no clear sequence of events/thoughts.
Language Usage	The writer's essay maintains a clear point of view, uses relevant descriptive details and shows a command of the English language.	The writer's essay maintains a point of view and includes relevant descriptive details. There may be a few errors in conventions.	The writer's essay has some lapses in point of view, lacks effective descriptive details and has some distracting errors in conventions.	The writer's essay lacks a clear point of view, lacks or offers no effective details and has major errors in conventions.