

The 2015 James W. Hunt, Jr.
Community Health and Public Service Scholarship

About the Scholarship:

The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers is pleased to announce the availability of the Hunt Scholarship. This \$2,000 cash scholarship is awarded to a student at the undergraduate level who displays a genuine interest in community and public health through either academic study or volunteer service. Established in 1992, the Hunt Scholarship was named in honor of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers' long-standing Chief Executive Officer, James W. Hunt, Jr., who first joined the health center movement in 1972 through volunteer participation on a community health center board and who rose to become, and still is, the President and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers.

About Jim Hunt:

Over his 37+year tenure as CEO, Jim has helped to promote the value of health centers in improving access to quality health care and in reducing costs across the health system. Since 2006, Jim has helped steer Massachusetts health centers through the uncharted waters of state health reform, where health centers remain at the forefront of the Commonwealth's efforts to implement near-universal coverage for its residents. More recently, Jim has been working with his membership to ensure that the needs and strengths of health centers are reflected in future health care payment and delivery models, and to meet national reform goals tied to increasing the numbers of patients served by the nation's community health centers.

In recognition of his leadership on behalf of community-based health care, Jim has sat on several state commissions and was appointed to the board of directors of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation in 2001. On a national level, Hunt is certified as an association executive through the American Society of Association Executives; is the former president of the National Association of Community Health Centers; and was the 1996 recipient of the prestigious Johnson and Johnson Community Health Care Award for an innovative health outreach project for Greater Boston's underserved women and children.

Hunt is an adjunct professor at the Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University and, in 2005, was the first Geiger Gibson Distinguished Visitor at the George Washington University's School of Public Health and Health Services. The award is given to an individual who has exhibited extraordinary and sustained leadership in community health policy.

Application Process:

Candidates must submit an application along with a short essay (no longer than two typed pages) expressing their interest in community health or public service. Letters of support and documentation demonstrating financial need are welcome but are strictly optional. **Applications and essays will be accepted by mail and must be postmarked by April 3, 2015.** The recipient must be available to receive the award at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in Falmouth.

Please send all materials and/or inquiries to:
James W. Hunt Jr. Scholarship
c/o Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
40 Court Street, 10th floor
Boston, MA 02108

This scholarship information and the application form also can be found on the League's website www.massleague.org.

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Application Deadline – postmarked by April 3, 2015

Application must be submitted with written essay

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

If different from the above, please give your mailing address for all correspondence:

Mailing Address: _____

Phone at mailing address: _____ Permanent home phone : _____

E-mail address: _____

Possible area(s) of academic concentration or major: _____

Possible career or professional plans: _____

EDUCATIONAL DATA

High School you now attend (or from which you graduated): _____

Address: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

If not currently attending school, please check here Describe in detail your activities since last enrolled.

Name of post-secondary school for which financial aid is requested: _____

VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE

List any volunteer activity and job (including summer employment) you have held during the past three years:

WRITTEN ESSAY

Please attach a written essay (no longer than two typed pages) expressing your interest in community health or public service.