

The 2018 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 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:

As both a state and national leader on community-based health care issues, Jim promotes the value of health centers in improving access to quality health care while reducing costs across the health system. Since 2006, Jim has helped steer the health center network through the uncharted waters of state health reform, where health centers are at the forefront of the Commonwealth's efforts to implement near-universal coverage for its residents. More recently, Jim has been working to strengthen the role of health centers under newly emerging health care payment and delivery models, and to meet national reform goals tied to increasing the numbers of patients served by America's community health centers. Since 2009, Jim has helped to bring hundreds of millions of federal funding to Massachusetts community health centers through the American Recovery and Reinvestment and Affordable Care Acts.

Hunt's focus on the needs of the community-based health care workforce led him to collaborate with a local university to develop a first-in-the-nation community health certificate program for health center middle managers. The program, in its 16th year, helps to identify and train future leaders within the health center industry. With funding from Bank of America and Partners HealthCare, Hunt led efforts to develop a loan repayment program for primary care providers who commit to practicing at community health centers. In addition, Hunt helped to secure a state funding match and investments from Neighborhood Health Plan and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation to extend the program's impact statewide. In 2018, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has committed to fund workforce development programs and loan repayment on an expanded basis through the League.

Hunt is an adjunct professor at the Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Jim received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the New England College of Optometry. He was also the first Geiger Gibson Distinguished Visitor in Community Health Policy 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 May 18, 2018.** The recipient must be available to receive the award at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the League's new Training & Learning Center, 16 Brooks Street, Worcester.

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

Inquiries to: cshaughnessy@massleague.org

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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.