

## The 2017 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:

As both a state and national leader on community-based health care issues, 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 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 more than \$150 million in 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 tenth year, helps to identify and train future leaders within the health center industry. More recently, with funding from Bank of America and Partners HealthCare, Hunt helped 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.

Hunt is an adjunct professor at the Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University. In 2002, 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 April 7, 2017.** The recipient must be available to receive the award at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel in Falmouth.

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

This scholarship information and the application form also can be found on the League's website [www.massleague.org](http://www.massleague.org).

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**Application Deadline – postmarked by April 7, 2017**

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:

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**WRITTEN ESSAY**

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