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Platinum Educational Group Expands Scholarships Program for 2016

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. – Platinum Educational Group, the Testing, Scheduling, and Skills Tracking Experts, understands the struggles and obstacles that are presented to students obtaining higher education in the healthcare industries. In 2015, Platinum Educational Group launched its inaugural scholarships program geared at EMS students. Recently the company has expanded its product line to include the nursing and allied health fields. It seemed only fitting to expand its 2016 scholarships program to include the hardworking and dedicated student in those fields as well.

Platinum’s goal is to provide students entering the EMS, nursing, and allied health fields with assistance in funding his or her education. Nationwide EMS medical educator, paramedic, and now Platinum CEO Doug Smith states “With the rising costs of tuition and program fees, it’s an honor to assist others in embarking on the dream of providing needed healthcare services to our communities.”

Certain guidelines must be met in order to be eligible:

* Applicant must be attending a State approved or accredited EMS, Nursing, or Allied Health Program
* Provide a copy of student ID and State Identification Card
* Letter of Recommendation Form from Program Instructor (form provided)
* Scholarship Awardees must provide a follow-up photo requested by Platinum Educational Group
* A brief essay (500 Words maximum) on what interested you in your field and what your plans are upon graduating.

There are three scholarships offered and are one-time scholarship awards. Potential candidates interested in applying need to fit the criteria above and have all paperwork submitted by July 15th, 2016. All scholarships will be decided by a panel of community advocates and winners will be announced between August 1 - 6, 2016. Each Scholarship award is for $1000 and will be given directly to the awardee’s institution.

“As we expand our company’s software programs to include the allied health industry, alongside our EMS products, we are pleased to expand our scholarships program to also include those enterprises” specified Platinum’s COO and co-founder Tom Gottschalk. He also stated, “It just feels good to assist hardworking students in obtaining their degree or certification.”

For full details and to apply for the Platinum Educational Group EMS Scholarships Program contact Director of Marketing, Jeremy M. Johnson, at marketing@platinumed.com.

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Platinum Educational Group is a global leader in online testing and scheduling. Our markets include the Emergency Medical Services, Allied Health, and Health Science industries. We provide the most valid and reliable online testing for EMT/Paramedic and Registered Nursing educational institutions. Our scheduling software programs include the EMS, Nursing, and all Allied Health industries. With more than 75 years of combined education, testing, and scheduling expertise we service several thousands of individuals, businesses, and organizations globally via our main office in Jenison, Michigan, and our affiliated locations throughout the United States.
Platinum Educational Groups Scholarships Program Eligibility

Scholarships by Platinum Educational Group Qualifications and Information:

Our goal is to provide EMS, Nursing, and Allied Health students with assistance in funding their higher education. If you are a student of an EMS, Nursing, or Allied Health program or institution you may be eligible for our scholarships. See eligibility information on the application instructions.

Qualifications:

* Applicant must be attending a State approved or accredited EMS, Nursing, or Allied Health program
* Provide copy of student ID (if your program issues one)
* Provide copy of a State Identification Card (Ex. State ID or Driver’s License)
* Letter of Recommendation Form (form provided in application packet)
* A brief essay (500 words maximum) on what interested you in your field and what your plans are after graduation
* Must provide a follow-up photo as requested by Platinum Educational Group if chosen as a scholarship awardee

Scholarship Info:

* Three Scholarships awarded annually
* Each Scholarship is for $1000.00
* One scholarship awarded per healthcare industry (EMS, Nursing, Allied Health)
* This is one-time only scholarship per person
* This scholarship will be decided by a panel of community advocates
* Deadline is July 15th, 2016, 5:00PM
* Scholarship money will go directly to awardee’s institution
* Scholarship will be announced between August 1-5, 2016
Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible it will be discarded.

What scholarship are you applying for? Circle One: EMS NURSING ALLIED HEALTH

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9. **Personal Essay**
   What interested you in your field and what are your plans after graduation? (Graded)
   Submit your response on separate sheet along with this application [500 words max]

10. A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.
    B. Your application will be discarded if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)
    C. Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.

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**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote Platinum Educational Group Scholarships Program.

Signature of scholarship applicant:  

Date:  

All Paperwork Must Be Scanned and Emailed in PDF or Word Format Only To:
Jeremy M Johnson at Jeremy@platinumed.com

**REMEMBER**

The deadline for this application to be received by Platinum Educational Group is **July 15th, 2016, 5:00 p.m.**
# RECOMMENDATION FORM

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## CHECKLIST

- [ ] How long have you known the applicant?
- [ ] Are you an instructor? If yes, please state school name.
- [ ] On average, how large is your classroom size? (If Applicable)
- [ ] Would the applicant rank in the top 20% of the class? (If Applicable)
- [ ] Please describe the applicant’s attitude towards academic work.
- [ ] Please describe the applicant’s reliability.
- [ ] Please describe the applicant’s ability to work with others.
- [ ] What are the applicant’s strengths?
- [ ] What are the applicant’s weaknesses?
- [ ] Would you hire this applicant?
- [ ] Signature of Recommender