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**Oregon Chapter of HIMSS
Portland, Oregon**

32 New Scholarships Announced for 2018

The Oregon Chapter of HIMSS is very excited to announce the launch of our new scholarship program. The new Oregon HIMSS Scholarship Program creates 32 new scholarships designed for a mix of health IT students, military veterans and individuals interested in career growth and professional development.

Record amounts of resources have been poured into healthcare in the past decade for health IT. To maximize the return on these investments, a continued focus on professional development is critical to the success of every organization in healthcare.

Strengthening the Oregon community of health IT professionals is at the core of the Oregon chapter HIMSS mission and drives all of our programming and educational events.

The Oregon chapter continues to grow in membership, and expanding the breadth and depth of the education and networking events we deliver is an ongoing process for our board. Creating and delivering high quality events on important current HIT topics is our strong suit.

Naturally, we are driven to make these programs available to a wider audience. Increasing accessibility is a win win for both our individual members and affiliate organizations.

Scholarships are available for every Oregon HIMSS event throughout the 2018 programming year. The Scholarship Program will cover the registration fees for six individuals for each event consisting of two students, two veterans, and two early careerists at every Oregon HIMSS event, including:

- January – Population Health Forum, 6 total awards
- February – Security Summit, 6 total awards
- April – Workforce Innovation Forum, 6 total awards
- May – Oregon Annual Spring Conference, full day event, 6 total awards
- June – Nursing Informatics Forum, 6 total awards
- CPHIMS and CAHIMS certification exam fee reimbursement, 2 total awards

The Scholarship Program will also include the Oregon Chapter Annual Spring Conference held in May for a full day of programming. Six additional individuals will be awarded scholarships for full event fees, including lunch and networking.

Oregon HIMSS' Annual Spring Conference brings together over 200 healthcare delivery, policy, and technology experts and provides a broad range of educational opportunities on innovations in care delivery in our region.

Additionally, for early careerists, the chapter is offering testing fee reimbursements for two members/affiliate members for the CPHIMS and CAHIMS tests. These certification exams demonstrate an individual's depth of knowledge and experience in the industry and are widely recognized as a valuable career credential. Please contact us for additional details.

To apply for a scholarship fill out the short application <http://bit.ly/2nbOcx>

Send any question to scott@scottzacks.com

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For more information on the Chapter, the events, or the Scholarship Program, contact Scott or visit the OR Chapter of HIMSS website: <http://or.himsschapter.org>