## **2025 Scholarship Program**

#### **Quality Care Health Foundation**

**Application Deadline: July 1, 2025** 

The Paul Tunnell Career Climb Scholarship is named for longtime CAHF member and Board Chair Paul Tunnell. Paul was a licensed nursing home administrator in San Francisco, where he demonstrated daily his genuine appreciation and respect for his staff and residents. His dedication to the profession of long-term care and skilled nursing showed in his sense of humor and passion for those he served and guided. It is our hope that the scholarship bearing his name will help foster new long-term care/skilled nursing professionals possessing Paul's tremendous strength of character and empathy.

Long-term care employees, take the next step in your professional development with the Paul Tunnell Career Climb Scholarship. This annual scholarship of up to \$2,500 is open to anyone currently working in the long-term care industry with at least one year of experience. No matter what your current position, you can get assistance furthering your educational goals and your career in long-term care, while improving the quality of care you provide to some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

#### **Criteria for Application:**

- A minimum of one-year experience in the long-term care sector.
- Actively engaged in the long-term care industry both during the application process and upon receiving the award.
- Your commitment to continuing your career in Skilled Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living, or Long-Term Care must be evident.
  - This opportunity to available to all job categories in the Long-Term Care industry.
- Completion of the comprehensive application, including an essay and two (2) letters of reference, is mandatory for consideration.

Scholarship funds are designated for reimbursing tuition, procuring textbooks, and acquiring necessary materials for your education. (QCHF reserves the right to verify the necessity of these materials.)

Please complete this application in its entirety. The application, essay, and two (2) letters of reference should be typed or printed clearly. All completed applications and supporting documents must be received by their respective deadline dates. Submit via mail to:

2025 Career Climb Scholarship Selection Committee scanned PDF sent via email to CMerced@cahf.org

Complete application and supporting documents must be submitted via email together by July 1, 2025.

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# **Career Climb Scholarship Application**

## (THIS PAGE MUST BE TYPE OR PRINTED CLEARLY)

### **Applicant Personal Information**

Name of Applicant:	Phone:
Applicant's mailing address:	
City:	State: Zip Code:
Applicant's email	
Applicant's Social Security Number:	/
Applicant	Facility/Company Information
Name of Facility where Applicant works: _	
Work Facility's Address:	
City:	State: Zip Code:
Is your employer a member of CA	HF? □YES □NO
Total number of years you have worked for	or your current employer:
Total years in long-term care:W	hat is your present position:
Ad	ministrator Information
Administrator's Name:	
Phone #:	Ext.
Email:	
	Other Information
Name of educational institution where yo	u plan to use your scholarship money:
What is your educational goal?	
Have you previously received a QCHF Scho	plarship?

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#### **Recommendation Letter #1**

I certify that all the information contained herein is true and correct. Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ I knowingly consent to my employer, former employers and references being contacted as to my qualifications for this scholarship award. Applicant's signature: Did you attach your 100-250-word essay and your two letters of reference? Please ensure that your references and essay follow the directions indicated in each form. Thank you for your application. ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION (2025) Reference Letter #1 - Must be from the current administrator or employer Dear\_\_\_\_\_, This letter of reference is for: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant: print your name here) The above individual is applying for a Career Climb Scholarship, which will be awarded in 2025 by the Quality Care Health Foundation. Please tell us why this applicant should be chosen for an award based on your knowledge of the individual's initiative, merit, and experience in promoting quality in the delivery of healthcare in California. Write your thoughts about this individual's eligibility using no more than 250 words. Please print or type clearly. Thank you for your assistance and your support of quality healthcare. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone number) (Date) (Name of person writing reference) (Please write below this line or attach as convenient)

#### **Recommendation Letter #2**

I certify that all the information contained herein is true and correct. Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ I knowingly consent to my employer, former employers and references being contacted as to my qualifications for this scholarship award. Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Did you attach your 100-250-word essay and your two letters of reference? Please ensure that your references and essay follow the directions indicated in each form. Thank you for your application. ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION (2025) Reference Letter #2 - A personal reference from a friend, colleague or instructor Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_, This letter of reference is for: \_\_\_\_ (Applicant: print your name here) The above individual is applying for a Career Climb Scholarship, which will be awarded in 2025 by the Quality Care Health Foundation. Please tell us why this applicant should be chosen for an award based on your knowledge of the individual's initiative, merit, and experience in promoting quality in the delivery of healthcare in California. Write your thoughts about this individual's eligibility using no more than 250 words. Please print or type clearly. Thank you for your assistance and your support of quality healthcare (Name of person writing reference) (Please write below this line or attach as convenient)

# - Personal Essay -

Name of Applicant: Date:	Please print legibly. Use no more than 250 words.		
	Name of Applicant:	Date:	

# - Personal Essay -

# THIS PAGE IS PROVIDE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO TYPE THEIR PERSONAL ESSAY Use no more than 250 words.

Name of Applicant: Date:

# Photo/Video Release Form

I hereby grant QCHF/CAHF permission to use my likeness in a video or photograph in any and all of its publications or promotional materials, including website and social media postings. I acknowledge that I will not receive payment or any other consideration for this use.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of QCHF/CAHF and will not be returned.

I authorize QCHF/CAHF to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this video or photo for promotional purposes or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears.

[I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge [facility] from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.]

I am 21 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release.

(Signature)	(Date)
(Printed Name)	(Date)
If the person signing is under age 21, or unable to give to by a parent or guardian, as follows: I hereby certify that, named about the many named about the foregoing on behalf of this person.	I am the parent or guardian of ove, and do hereby give my consent
(Parent/Guardian's Signature)	(Date)
(Parent/Guardian's Printed Name)	

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## 2025 Career Climb Scholarship Application Check List

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Education can be affordable thanks to programs such as scholarships.

The checklist below will help you keep organized while navigating the scholarship application process.

The 2025 application is open for submission from April 14, 2025 to July 1, 2025

Currently Employed at a long-term care/skilled nursing profession in
California
Planning to continue working at a Skilled Nursing Facility, Assisted Living or in Long-Term Care
One year of work experience in long-term care
Personal Information
Facility Information
Administrators Information
Reference Letter #1
Reference Letter #2
Personal Essay
Photo/Video Release form (signed)