

2026 SCSRC Early Professional Student Scholarship Award Criteria and Guidelines

Basic Requirements: All currently enrolled AS/AHS degree seeking Respiratory Care students in the state of South Carolina are eligible to complete application for scholarships provided by the SCSRC.

Nomination Process: Nominations can be submitted electronically or by postal mail. Electronic nominations should be e-mailed to scholarships@scsrc.org by July 1, 2026.

Through the assistance of the student's Program Director, the student will complete this checklist of items and submit the following information to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee:

1. ___ Completed scholarship application.
2. ___ Proof of current AARC membership
3. ___ Program Director verifies student is active and in good standing in a South Carolina Respiratory Care program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
4. ___ Program Director provides a personal letter of recommendation for the applicant.
5. ___ Student applicant writes a brief statement of his/her career goals
6. ___ Submission of either an original essay or a media presentation prepared by the applicant with subject matter that demonstrates clear relevance to the practice of respiratory care or the profession.
 - Essay or media presentation may be of any healthcare topic that is currently impacting respiratory care practice or profession. including but not limited to subacute and acute adult care, neonatal/pediatric care, transport, rehabilitation, home and continuing care, cardiopulmonary diagnostics, pulmonary function testing, education, research, and management.

Selection Process: The scholarship committee will review all applications and present the awards at the annual business meeting in September.

Award: Up to four (4) candidates will each be awarded a monetary gift of \$400.00. Additionally, the awarded candidates will be allowed to attend the **Annual Business Meeting and Student Session** during the Annual SCSRC Conference in September at no cost; if they choose to attend the full SCSRC annual conference, they will receive a **\$25 discount** on the **conference student fee**.

Please refer any questions to your Program Director or email scholarships@scsrc.org

SCSRC Early Professional Student Scholarship Application Form

Please write legibly as scholarship certificates and other media are created using this form

Name (First, Middle, Last):

Home Address (important for notification of scholarship application status):

Telephone Number: _____

What Respiratory Care school do you currently attend (college name and address)?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

AARC Member Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Mark an X for the award for which you are applying:

_____ **ESSAY** _____ **MEDIA PRESENTATION**

Answer the following 4 questions. You may use an attached sheet if necessary.

1. List extra-curricular activities (athletics, music, volunteering, etc.):

2. List any honors or awards you have received:

3. List school or professional club memberships/affiliations. List the name and dates of any offices you have held within school organizations:

4. Professional Goals: Please develop a brief statement regarding your personal and professional goals for the next 5 years following graduation.

I have completed this application and it is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am the sole author of any paper submitted for consideration.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

The deadline for application submission is July 1, 2026
SCSRC Early Professional Essay Scholarship Award Guidelines

In addition to completing and submitting the Scholarship Packet, applicant's essay must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Conduct and submit one original copy of an essay, which demonstrates a clear point of view about a topic relevant to the current practice or profession of respiratory care, or a healthcare topic that is currently impacting respiratory care practice or the profession.
 - Subject matter may be about any aspect of respiratory care to include but may not be limited to adult sub-acute and acute care, neonatal/pediatric care, transport, rehabilitation, home and continuing care, cardiopulmonary diagnostics, pulmonary function testing, education, research or management.
2. The essay must utilize a minimum of three (3) scientific literatures/journals, citing them regularly throughout the essay to demonstrate critical thinking and establishing a clear connection of the subject matter to the respiratory care practice and profession.
3. An electronic copy of essay in Microsoft Word® must accompany the scholarship application packet or can be submitted via hardcopy and mailed.
4. **The essay must contain the following elements:**
 - a. Cover page with title of essay and only the **last five digits of the AARC member number** as the only form of identification included for submission of essay.
 - b. Introduction, objectives, rich content and a summary must be included in essay.
 - c. Separate bibliography must be included at the end of the essay on a separate sheet of paper.
 - a. Minimum of three (3) scientific references, current within 5 years.
 - b. List all references in order that they appear in essay, not in alphabetical order.
 - c. All quotes and references should be cited within body of essay per standard citation formatting choice of the applicant (APA, MLA, etc.).
 - d. Essay utilizes accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
 - e. Exclude any references to the applicant's college/university, employer and clinical affiliations within the body of the essay.
 - f. Essay must be five (5) double-spaced pages containing approximately 1000 words.
 - g. Font must be 12 point, New Times Roman or Calibri.
 - h. Page margins are 1 inch on all sides.

SCSRC Early Professional Media Presentation Scholarship Award

In addition to completing and submitting the Scholarship Packet, applicant's Media Presentation must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Develop and submit an original media presentation created in *Microsoft PowerPoint*® 2003 or higher which demonstrates a clear point of view about a topic relevant to the current practice or profession of respiratory care, or a healthcare topic that is currently affecting respiratory care practice or the profession.
2. The media presentation must utilize three (3) scientific literatures/journals, citing them regularly on the slides or expounded upon within the Notes Pages to demonstrate critical thinking and to establish a clear connection of the subject matter to the respiratory care practice and profession.
3. Subject matter may be about any aspect of respiratory care to include but may not be limited to adult sub-acute and acute care, neonatal/pediatric care, transport, rehabilitation, home and continuing care, cardiopulmonary diagnostics, pulmonary function testing, education, research or management.
4. Attach/include a one-page summary formatting in *Microsoft Word*® detailing where and when the subject has been presented, questions received and answered, and the learning acquired because of delivering this media presentation.
5. The media presentation must contain the following elements:
 - a. Cover slide with title of essay and only the last five digits of the AARC member as the only form of identification should be included for submission of presentation.
 - b. Introduction, objectives, rich content and a summary must be included in presentation.
 - c. Separate bibliography must be included at the end of the presentation and attached in a separate document.
 - Minimum of three (3) scientific references current within 5 years.
 - List all references in order that they appear in essay, not in alphabetical order.
 - All quotes and references should be cited on slides per standard citation formatting choice of the applicant (APA, MLA etc.).
 - Citations for images or graphics that are not open source are included on slide.
 - d. Presentation utilizes accurate spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
 - e. Exclude any references to the applicant's college/university, employer, and clinical affiliations in all aspects of the media presentation.
 - f. Presentation length should be more than 20 but less than 35 slides to concisely express the objectives of the presentation.
 - g. Proper utilization of Notes Pages to provide supplemental explanations for slide content as one would offer during a "live" presentation. Applicant may also voice record their "live" presentation in lieu of utilizing Notes Pages.
 - h. Media presentation must be in Microsoft PowerPoint® mailed on a CD or attached if submitting via email.

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Please collect scholarship application packet, prepare the essay or media presentation, gather all supporting materials and send them all together in one envelope **or** email all documents together.

The deadline for application submission is July 1, 2026

No applications will be accepted after this date.

Electronic applications can be e-mailed to scholarships@scsrc.org