

## Application Guidelines for the GROW Mammography Scholarship

1. Applications will open on AHEC's website July 1st, 2024, and will close Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:55 p.m. Central Standard time. Participants must submit:
  - An original essay. How will the scholarship make a difference for you and for your community?
  - Original essays become the property of the AHEC and cannot be returned. The selected essays are not guaranteed to be used by AHEC in any way.
  - A letter of professional reference.
  - AHEC can provide a clinical site for the initial 25 supervised exams. However, if the candidate chooses to coordinate the clinical exams with their place of employment, a letter of participation is required from your current employer regarding:
    - Allowing applicant to complete the 25 supervised mammography exam for MQSA qualification.
    - Allowing the applicant to complete the additional 75 mammograms for registry eligibility through ARRT.
2. Two applicants per Mammography cohort will be chosen. Criteria for applicants per cohort are as followed:
  - Applicant #1 - A minimum of 2 years of experience in the medical imaging profession.
  - Applicant #2 - A new graduate from an accredited program. (Graduated in the last 12 months.)
  - Each recipient agrees to abide by all rules listed within this application, start to finish.
  - It is the sole discretion of AHEC to accept or reject any submission. AHEC's decisions as to the administration, methodology of the 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program and the selection of the participants are final.
3. In exchange for acceptance as a participant in the 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program, each recipient agrees to assign to AHEC, upon request, all copyright, trademark and other intellectual property rights in his/her essay to AHEC, 8502 Tybor Dr., Houston, TX 77074.
4. Participants release AHEC and its directors, officers, partners, employees and agents from any and all liability with respect to participation in the 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program and in travel to or from the 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program.

5. Participation in the 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program may constitute income under applicable federal, state and local tax laws, and participants shall be solely responsible for payment of any and all taxes that may be due with respect to the acceptance into the program.
6. By submitting an application, the participant agrees that he or she understands and will comply with the official rules and consent to AHEC's use of the participant's name, portrait (still and video), picture, voice, likeness and biographical information for advertising, trade and promotional purposes without additional consent, approval, consideration, compensation, permission or notification.
7. AHEC reserves the right to cancel, modify or suspend the program at its discretion.
8. The 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program is subject to the laws of the United States of America and is void where prohibited by law.
9. The 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program is open only to any radiologic technologist who is 18 years of age or older and/or any enrolled as a student in an accredited, primary medical imaging program at the time of submission.
10. Acceptance to the 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program includes complimentary round-trip airfare based on AHEC travel guidelines, a stay at a hotel selected by AHEC, and a daily stipend at the current U.S. General Services Administration's per diem rates. Travel arrangements must be made no later than 30 days prior to the event. If the participant lives in the Houston, TX area or elects not to use the airfare component, AHEC will not provide compensation or substitution in value. Eligibility is also dependent upon attendance of all required events, completion of the post-event survey, and completion of all required rules, listed in this application. Failure to complete any or all of these elements may result in forfeiture of receipt of the scholarship, fees, and be required to return any received funds.
11. Participants will be using AHEC student liability insurance policy during the classroom and positioning labs if attending without a facility partner.
12. Upon acceptance, each participant agrees to indemnify, release, and hold harmless AHEC from and against any and all claims and causes of action of violation of right of publicity, infringement of trademark, copyright or other intellectual property rights, arising from or relating to his or her participation in the 2024 AHEC Mammography Scholarship Program.

## 2024 AHEC GROW Mammography Scholarship Program Checklist

**July 1, 2024** – Scholarship application period opens.

**August 18, 2024** – Scholarship application closes.

**October 24-28, 2024** – Mammography Initial Training Seminar – AHEC, Houston, Texas.

**November 29, 2024** – 1) Thank-You Letter – Emailed to your donor, copy sent to: [mhail@ahconline.com](mailto:mhail@ahconline.com). 2) Schedule a video call with your Mammo Mentor. Meeting must be scheduled and completed within two weeks.

**January 31, 2025** – 1) Email update of professional mammography skills and progress to donor. 2) Schedule a video call with your Mammo Mentor. Meeting must be scheduled and completed within two weeks. Discuss action plan for ARRT Mammography Registry.

**March 31, 2025** - 1) Email update of professional mammography skills and progress to donor. 2) Schedule a video call with your Mammo Mentor. Meeting must be scheduled and completed within two weeks. Discuss scheduled date for ARRT Mammography Registry date and any questions or needs you have in preparing.

**April 30, 2025** – 1) (At minimum) Final email update of progress of professional mammography skills and progress to donor. Discuss scheduled ARRT Mammography Registry date. 2) Schedule a video call with your Mammo Mentor. Meeting must be scheduled and completed within two weeks. Discuss scheduled date for ARRT Mammography Registry date and any questions or needs you have in preparing.

**\*\*NOTE: You must have your ARRT – Mammography Registry Exam scheduled no later than October 31, 2025.**

**\*Failure to complete any or all of the checklist items above may result in forfeiture of the scholarship, resulting in the recipient having to return the scholarship funds to Advanced Health Education Center.**

*The GROW scholarship program is not just an opportunity to receive training in mammography, it is a chance to join a community of like-minded individuals who are committed to making a difference in the lives of others. As a recipient of this scholarship, you will be a part of a network of professionals who share your passion for providing the best possible care to patients. Apply for the GROW scholarship today and take the first step towards a rewarding career in mammography!*