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The GiveBack365 Scholarship

COLA is pleased to offer \$1,200 scholarships to aid students currently pursuing a degree in the field of Medical Laboratory Science within an accredited program. This scholarship was formed in 2012 to foster awareness of careers in the medical laboratory and to support the individuals who will become the future of the industry.

COLA, Inc. is a physician-directed organization whose purpose is to promote health and safety through accreditation and educational programs. In 1993, COLA was granted deemed status by CMS to provide laboratory accreditation. As a leading laboratory accreditor in the United States, COLA operates its laboratory accreditation program in accordance with a quality management system certified to ISO 9001. This means we offer our customers a unique, standardized program and staff dedicated to satisfaction and laboratory quality. Our Surveyors and Technical Advisors are guided by a coaching approach and uncomplicated quality engineered processes. Laboratories of all types and sizes are evaluated and mentored to produce the highest quality laboratory services and meet CLIA regulations.

At the heart of COLA's mission, there is one objective: to enhance patient safety. COLA supports that objective through exciting opportunities to celebrate its successes, engage in professional development and community reinforcing activities, as well as give back efforts. COLA continues to increase awareness about the medical laboratory sciences professions through the GiveBack365 Scholarship Program.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be actively enrolled and in good standing within a Medical Laboratory Science or Technology program at an US accredited institution
- Have successfully completed at least one semester in their program
- Be seeking an associate, baccalaureate or master's degree

Please include in your application packet:

- Completed signed application form
- An unofficial school transcript indicating your program and overall GPA
- A letter of recommendation from someone that knows you in an academic, work or professional capacity.
- An essay of approximately 500 words on the following topic:

What 3 factors most influenced your decision to pursue a career in Laboratory Science and what are your career goals?

Please submit the completed application and all supporting materials by **December 29, 2023** using one of the following:

1. Email to: scholarship@cola.org
2. Mail to:

*COLA Inc.
Attn: GiveBack365 Scholarship
9881 Broken Land Parkway, Suite 200
Columbia, Maryland 21046*

The scholarship selection committee will first verify all eligibility requirements have been met. A team of COLA staff members will then evaluate the letter of recommendation, short answer questions and essay. The applicants receiving the highest scores will be awarded the scholarships and notified on or before Feb 9, 2024.



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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Program of Study:

College or University: _____

Title of Degree Program: _____

Program Director Name: _____

Program Director Email: _____

Attach copy of most recent unofficial transcript

Letter of Recommendation:

Select an individual that knows you well from an academic, work or professional capacity and can communicate how you will contribute to advancing the field of Medical Laboratory Science. Provide the selected individual [this link](#) to prepare their letter of recommendation.

Once the recommendation is written, please include the letter with the rest of this application.

Short Answer questions (maximum of 300 words each)

1. Why do you deserve this scholarship?

2. How will the scholarship advance your career goals?

Essay question: (Approximately 500 words)

What 3 factors most influenced your decision to pursue a career in Laboratory Science and what are your career goals?

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Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____