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***Attention Health Informatics/HIT Students … Scholarship Opportunity***

The Illinois Rural Health Association recognizes the growing demand for health informatics specialists in rural areas.  The Illinois Rural Health Association is sponsoring five $1000 Medical Billing & Coding Scholarships for the spring semester 2017.

**Criteria** – Students currently enrolled in a Medical Informatics or HIT program, with an intent of working in a rural health and who otherwise not have for their full tuition reimbursed through an employer or grants, etc.

*Please contact IRHA Executive Director Margaret Vaughn 217-280-0206 with questions* [*staff@ilruralhealth.org*](mailto:staff@ilruralhealth.org) *. Visit us online at* [*www.ilruralhealth.org*](http://www.ilruralhealth.org)

**Application process:**

1. Fill in the form below**.**
2. In 400 words or less, explain your interest in rural health, future career goals and why you would make a good choice to receive the scholarship. Please type your essay as an additional page on the bottom of this document. ***Do not email multiple attachments*.**
3. **Email completed application with essay to** [**staff@ilruralhealth.org**](mailto:staff@ilruralhealth.org) **by Nov. 25th, 2016**

Student Applicant Name:

Program of Study: Graduation Date:

County of Residence:

Educational Institute: GPA:

Email: Phone:

Degrees or Certificates (include school and year):

Current Employer:

Job Title/Duties:

Professional/Academic Reference: (Name, title, email and phone).