

Ohio Health Information Management Association

Applicant Qualifications: Scholarship Program for the Established Professional

1. Applicant must be an active member of AHIMA, with Ohio as the State designation.
2. Applicant must hold a valid AHIMA credential (e.g. RHIA, RHIT, CCS, or CCS-P).
3. Application deadlines are January 31st (for the 1st award cycle - for expenses incurred between July – December of each association year), and July 31st (for the 2nd award cycle - for expenses incurred between Jan – June of each association year). Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
4. Applicant must be applying for funds to continue his/her life long learning in areas such as one of the following Vision 2006 roles as defined by AHIMA.
 - **Clinical Data Specialist** – Data management functions in a variety of application areas; including clinical coding, outcomes management, specialty registries, and research databases.
 - **Patient Information Coordinator** – New service roles helping consumers manage their personal health information; including personal health history management, release of information, understanding managed care services, and information resources.
 - **Data Quality Manager** – Data management functions involving formalized continuous quality improvement (CQI) for data integrity throughout the enterprise beginning with data dictionary and policy development; including quality monitoring and audits.
 - **Document and Repository Manager** – The next generation of records and data management using media such as the CPR, data repository, and electronic warehousing for meeting current and future care needs across the continuum, providing access to the needed information, and ensuring long-term integrity and access.
 - **Research and Decision Support Analyst** – Support senior management with information for decision making and strategy development, using a variety of analytical tools and databases. Work with product and policy organizations on a high-level analysis projects such as clinical trials and outcomes research.
 - **Security Officer** – Manage the security of all electronically maintained information; including promulgation of security requirements, policies and privilege systems, and the audit of performance.