Application Deadline: Complete applications with narrative document including appendices must be e-mailed to Attention-ASQ Nightingale Award Co-Chair chona.sano@gmail.com on or before February 29. Applications submitted after the deadline or not in accordance with the guidelines will not be accepted.

ASQ HCD Nightingale Scholarship Requirements

Since 2009, ASQ’s Healthcare Division has awarded one annual $2,000 scholarship in honor of Florence Nightingale, the widely recognized initiator of nursing as a profession.

Eligibility Requirements:

- be a student enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution pursuing studies related to healthcare quality
- be a current Healthcare Division member or sponsored by a current division member; membership number must be provided for verification
- submit a one page personal profile outlining related work experience, professional society involvement, current program of study, area of interest in healthcare quality, and future career plans
- supply three letters of recommendation attesting to capacity for independent applied research and leadership in their chosen field:
  - one letter from the sponsoring Healthcare Division member (if sponsored)
  - two letters from faculty, addressing the applicant’s GPA, academic excellence, and commitment to the field of healthcare quality
- submit an essay of no more than six double-spaced pages in 12-point typeface on the topic of “Quality in Healthcare: Strategies for Reducing Adverse Outcomes and Costs While Improving Quality of Care”. Paper must include references (including in-text citations) to current literature and specific process improvement strategies.

Submission of an application is permission to publish essay in division publications and/or on the ASQ Web site.

Evaluation Criteria:

A panel of judges from the Healthcare Division will evaluate each application based on:

- 40 points for caliber of an essay paper;
- 30 points for caliber of three recommendation letters;
- 10 points for academic standing;
- 10 points for extent of previous relevant employment experience; and
- 10 points for extent of previous professional society activity (including ASQ and others).

Submission:

Email scholarship materials, no later than February 29, 2016 to: Attention: Healthcare Division Scholarship Co-Chair chona.sano@gmail.com

The scholarship winner will be announced at the Quality Institute for Healthcare Conference held in conjunction with the 2016 World Conference on Quality and Improvement in May.