

The Lan Nguyen, MD Health Sciences Scholarship \$1000

Scholarship Information/Requirements:

1. Must be a graduating senior
2. Submit an essay detailing why the applicant wishes to pursue a career in the health professions, and what the applicant's specific goals are in the health careers (example: physician, physical therapist, nurse, etc.) Please outline what experiences the applicant has had in the medical area up to now and what motivates and inspires the applicant to serve others by choosing to work in the health care field.
3. Official transcript
4. Two letters of reference from: teachers, coaches, or mentors.

Background on Dr. Nguyen

Lan Nguyen, MD was a general surgeon and a beloved member of the Highland Lakes medical community. She took immense pride in providing excellent and compassionate care to our residents for more than 20 years. She was born in Saigon, Vietnam in 1962, and along with her parents and siblings she fled her homeland following the Communist takeover of the country in 1975. Surviving a perilous journey to Wake Island, she and her family eventually migrated to Missouri where she graduated high school at the age of 16. She later earned her MD from the University of Missouri at Columbia and then finished her surgery residency at Syracuse University in New York. Unfortunately she passed away suddenly of a cerebral aneurysm in 2015 and left behind her husband and four sons. Dr. Nguyen was a bright light in our lives and in our community and we honor her memory and her giving spirit with this memorial scholarship annually.