

Robert W. Holwell Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Information

This scholarship is in memory of Dr. Robert Holwell, formerly of Hot Springs, SD.

Bob received his Doctor of Chiropractic and Doctor of Naturopathy degrees in 1951 from the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, Ill. He was a past President of the South Dakota Chiropractors Association (SDCA), a past recipient of the SDCA "Chiropractor of the Year" award, a past recipient of the SDCA "Golden Service" award, and only one of two doctors in South Dakota who has been awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the American Chiropractic Association.

Over the course of his 63-year practice, Bob passionately believed that his learning was always going to be unfinished, attending every conference and seminar possible, constantly seeking to improve the level of care he delivered to his patients. He also worked hard to share his learning with those around him. It is in this spirit of continuous growth and improvement that his wife, Patricia, along with his children, are proud to offer a scholarship in his name. While many scholarships are for those attending chiropractic college, Bob would have also wanted to help support young DCs who are just starting their careers to understand the importance of growing their skills on a regular basis, not simply because of licensing requirements, but because it is the right thing to do for their patients.



What: The Dr. Robert W. Holwell Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000 (to be distributed to a new recipient annually)

Eligibility:

- A currently-licensed and practicing doctor of chiropractic whose primary practice is within the state of South Dakota
- A current member of the South Dakota Chiropractors Association

Additional Points:

- Additional points will be awarded on the selection rubric for applicants utilizing the funds to pay for attendance at either:
 - An Activator Method seminar
 - Nutrition Response Testing® (NRT) seminar, or
 - A Nambudripad Allergy Elimination Technique (NAET) seminar

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Preference:

- Preference will be given to applicants who are in their first five years of practice.
- Additional preference for purposes of breaking a tie will be awarded to applicants who are:
 - Honorably discharged veterans of the US Armed Forces
 - Active in the American Chiropractic Association (ACA)

Application Form

All applicants will fill out a [Google Form](#) with the following information:

- Name
- Home address, including city, state, and zip code
- Phone number
- Email address
- The name and address of your practice
- The number of years you have been in practice
- A personal statement describing:
 - Why you chose to become a chiropractor
 - How you approach your practice, including education for your patients
 - What your level of involvement has been with the South Dakota Chiropractors Association (e.g., membership, service projects, holding an office)
 - How you have committed yourself to furthering the practice of chiropractic in the state of South Dakota and across the nation (e.g., legislation, lobbying, working with high school students to learn about chiropractic)
- The name of and information about the professional learning opportunity you wish to use the scholarship money toward (e.g., The Annual Activator Institute on June 14, 15, and 16th in Minneapolis, MN).

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Selection Rubric

| | Excellent (4 points) | Good/Adequate (2 points) | Below Adequate/Not Present (0 points) |
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| Personal statement | The candidate's personal statement demonstrates a strong drive toward continuous growth and improvement of their professional skills in order to better serve their patients. Their passion for the profession and helping others is highly evident. | The candidate's personal statement indicates their desire to attend to professional learning. | The candidate's statement indicates that the professional learning obtained through the scholarship would be simply to meet state licensing requirements and does not demonstrate an attitude of continuous improvement and growth. |
| Statement of commitment to professional organization | The candidate has demonstrated through both attendance and service, their commitment to the South Dakota Chiropractors Association. | The candidate has demonstrated through attendance or service, their commitment to the South Dakota Chiropractors Association. | The candidate does not indicate a strong commitment to the South Dakota Chiropractors Association. |
| Description of professional learning that will be funded through the scholarship | The candidate has clearly described the type, duration, and frequency of the professional learning that the scholarship funding would be used to support. *An additional 4 points is to be awarded if the professional learning is connected to the Activator Method, Nutrition Response Testing® or the Nambudripad Allergy Elimination Technique. | The candidate has named the professional learning that the scholarship funding would be used to support, but provided minimal details. *An additional 4 points is to be awarded if the professional learning is connected to the Activator Method, Nutrition Response Testing® or the Nambudripad Allergy Elimination Technique. | The candidate provided limited or no details regarding the professional learning that the scholarship funding would be used to support. |

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Rubric Directions:

Each application should be read thoroughly and scored separately. In the event that a tie breaker is needed, 2 additional points can be awarded to a candidate for each of the following (for a possible total of 4 additional points):

- Military service
- American Chiropractic Association service/support