

HEALTH CARE LEADER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Amanda Akers, our 2024 scholarship winner.

Core to the Health Care Leader scholarship is development of an innovative and impactful project in health care, which incorporates a leadership plan designed to support a successful project outcome, as well as academic and personal growth.

Aker's project plan will focus on if the use of dermoscopy, a non-invasive skin imaging technique, in a clinical setting will assist providers in better diagnosing cancerous lesions as opposed to naked eye assessment in a rural health care settings. Amanda states, "This is important for improving the health and well-being of North Dakotans because in a community that has many farmers and other outdoor professions that may only have access to critical access hospitals, it is important to have providers who are trained in using dermoscopy and being able to properly identify cancerous lesions to treat and improve patient outcomes."

Amanda is currently a graduate student at North Dakota State University focusing on her Doctor for Nursing Practice. After she completes her schooling she inspires to work in oncology/hematology. She received a total scholarship of \$5,000 to offset her school tuition costs.



Amanda Akers

North Dakota State University

“Receiving this scholarship is an incredible honor that fuels my passion for making a meaningful impact in the health care field and means so much to me and my family. It validates the hard work and dedication I've put into my education and career and is a powerful motivator to continue striving for excellence.”