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OMEGA LOGAN SILVA SCHOLARSHIP \$5,000 (up to \$20,000 for four years)



The Omega Logan Silva Scholarship Fund

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About the Scholarship

The Dr. Omega Logan Silva Scholarship fund honors the life and legacy of Dr. Silva and her passion for encouraging economically disadvantaged women to pursue a degree in health care – a cause she was passionate in supporting throughout the course of her career.

About the Scholarship

Dr. Omega Logan Silva began her graduate medical education in 1967 with the first group of interns in internal medicine at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in D.C. She became a Fellow in Endocrinology in 1970 and started a research career in the VA's laboratory as the first African American woman Research Associate in the Department, advancing to also become the first African American Clinical Investigator doing work on the hormone calcitonin.

Dr. Silva and her collaborators were the first to describe the production of calcitonin from

small cell carcinoma of the lung in humans in 1974 published in the New England Journal of Medicine. As the Assistant Chief of Endocrinology, she ran the Diabetic Clinic from 1977-1996. She was professor of Oncology at Howard University College of Medicine as well as a Professor Emeritus of Medicine at George Washington University. Prior to her death in 2020 she served The Healthcare Council Board for over fifteen years. The scholarship honors her life and her legacy in health care. Throughout her career she was passionate in supporting economically disadvantaged women interested in pursuing a career in healthcare.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship is intended for economically disadvantaged women with plans to attend or currently attending a school in the Mid-Atlantic with plans to pursue a healthcare position in the Mid-Atlantic region upon completion. (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and the District of Columbia). **In addition, to be eligible for the scholarship you must be:**

- A graduate or candidate for graduation from an accredited high school; or
- A student already pursuing a degree in higher education, vocational or graduate school
- **Note:** Candidate must be planning to attend or already attending a post-secondary institution which can include vocational training from an accredited institution.

CRITERIA

In addition, candidates must:

- Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA at accredited institution, or satisfactory performance at vocational school.
- Demonstrate significant involvement in school and community activities.
- Complete all requirements described in this application.

PROCEDURE (Please note: Applications missing any of the required documents listed below will not be given full consideration.)

- **Attached application must be submitted in full** to The Healthcare Council via mail or email by **January 9, 2026. All questions and requested documents must be answered completely and submitted together** (outside of the recommendations if recommenders are submitting separately).
- Two letters of recommendation (from non-relatives) must be submitted to The Healthcare Council by January 9, 2026. The letters must speak to the character, integrity, and uniqueness of the applicant. **(Reference letters from your Guidance Department or school advisor file are not acceptable).**
- Include a copy of your high school transcript or transcript showing college courses or vocational certifications.
- Compile the information listed in the **Applicant Information Submission** instructions. It should reflect school and community activities, as well as any awards and recognition you have received in these activities.
- **Sign & submit the Certification page along with your completed application.**
- Finalists will be interviewed by the selection committee in **February 2026.**
- Scholarship will be presented at The Healthcare Council's Employee of the Year and McNulty Award Luncheon on **March 19, 2026** at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The recipient of the scholarship will have her essay printed in the program and will be expected to attend the event.

EDUCATION POSTPONEMENT

If the award recipient chooses to postpone her college/vocational education, the scholarship may be reserved for up to one year from the date of graduation.

**OMEGA LOGAN SILVA SCHOLARSHIP FUND
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Due: January 9, 2026

Completed application should be sent to: 4061 Powder Mill Road, Suite 100, Calverton, MD 20705 **or** attached as a PDF or scanned and emailed to thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org with the subject "**Omega Scholarship**"

Name: _____

Home: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Parents/Guardians: (Full names): _____

Please answer the following on a separate paper with your name on top:

1. Write a brief essay of 250 to 500 words on how a degree in healthcare will make a difference in your life.
2. Answer all the questions at the end of this application (found on the Application Information Submission page).

CERTIFICATION

Applicant:

I certify that all the statements made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and believe are made in good faith.

Print Name

Signature

Date

School Counselor or Advisor:

I have reviewed the applicant's responses and certify that they are correct, insofar as the official school records indicate.

Print Name

Signature

Date

**Omega Logan Silva Scholarship
Recommendation Form**
(Please print clearly or type)

Two (2) recommendation forms are required from (2) different individuals (faculty members or professional contacts):

- Students complete SECTION 1 and recommenders complete SECTION 2.

It is mandatory that this form be completed and returned with an attached (signed and dated) letter that answers the questions on your behalf.

SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

- State your level of education when applying: (Please choose one)

___ **Entering Freshman (First-Year)**

___ **Student Transfer from another academic institution or accredited vocational program.**

___ **Continuing (Current) Student**

- **Name of Student:** _____
- **Primary Phone Number:** _____
- **Alternative Phone Number:** _____
- **Please choose one of the Following:** ___ I *waive* my right to read this letter of recommendation ___ I do not *waive* my right to read this letter of recommendation.
- **Name of Recommender:** _____
- **Title:** _____
- **Name of School:** _____
- **Mailing Address of School:** _____
- **Email:** _____ **Phone Number:** _____

SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER: This individual is applying for the Omega Logan Silva Scholarship. Your comments will be an important part of the selection process. Keep in mind that the applicant cannot be considered for a scholarship award until your recommendation is on file (Recommenders can answer questions on a separate sheet and email responses to thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org with the subject "Scholarship").

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

- Be as specific as possible about the applicant's academic performance or other potential that qualifies the applicant for the scholarship.

- If appropriate, please mention the applicant's motivation and initiative; ability to complete and carry through projects and goals.

If you are writing a letter on behalf of the applicant, please write on official letterhead from the high school, college, or vocational school and attach the written letter signed and dated with this form in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, to the student or to The Healthcare Council Office by mail before the deadline, or scanned, or attached as a PDF and emailed to: thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org with the subject "Omega Scholarship".

Address: 4061 Powder Mill Road, Suite 100, Calverton, MD 20705

Or Email: TheHealthcareCouncil@healthcare-council.org

Attn: Omega Logan Silva Scholarship Committee.

Recommender Signature

Date

OMEGA LOGAN SILVA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION SUBMISSION

Please include as much information as possible from the following list:

1. List high school or college activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, etc.).
2. List public service and community activities (homeless services environmental protection/conservation, work with religious organizations, etc.) Do not repeat items listed previously.
3. Include any government activities (internships with government agencies, military, municipal boards, etc.).
4. Include part-time and full-time jobs and nongovernment internships during or since high school graduation.
5. List awards, scholarships, publications or special recognitions you have received.
6. Describe one specific example of your leadership.
7. Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity.
8. Share the problem or needs of society you want to address when you enter the healthcare field.
9. Describe the three most significant courses you have taken in preparation for your career.
10. Describe the graduate or vocational education program you intend to pursue if you receive a scholarship.
11. What do you hope to do and what position do you hope to have five to seven years
12. What additional personal information do you wish to share with the scholarship committee?

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Last Step! Confirm You've Met All Requirements

Please review the checklist below to ensure your application is complete and meets all eligibility criteria.

1. ☐ I confirm that I meet the eligibility requirement of being an economically disadvantaged woman pursuing a degree in a healthcare-related field. Definition: An economically disadvantaged woman is someone who faces financial barriers that limit access to educational and career opportunities. This may include, but is not limited to, individuals from low-income households, those who have experienced economic hardship or instability, or those who qualify for need-based financial assistance. This definition recognizes challenges that impact the pursuit of a healthcare degree and career advancement. (Optional) Please briefly describe how your background meets this definition:

2. ☐ I confirm that I am one of the following: A graduate or candidate for graduation from an accredited high school; or a current student pursuing a degree at a college, university, vocational, or graduate school in the Mid-Atlantic region (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, or the District of Columbia).
 - ☐ I confirm that I am attending or plan to attend a post-secondary institution, including vocational training, at an accredited institution in one of the regions listed above.
 - ☐ I intend to seek employment in the Mid-Atlantic region after completing my education.
3. ☐ I confirm that I have maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA at an accredited academic institution, or have demonstrated satisfactory performance at a vocational school.
4. Have you completed and attached the activity sheet demonstrating meaningful involvement in school and/or community activities?
5. Have you attached two letters of recommendation from non-relatives, or arranged for them to be sent directly to The Healthcare Council by January 9, 2026?
6. Have you attached a copy of your high school transcripts or transcript showing college courses or vocational certifications?
7. Have you signed & attached the Certification page?
8. **Event Attendance Confirmation:** ☐ I am able to attend The Healthcare Council's Employee of the Year Awards and McNulty Award Luncheon on March 19, 2026, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

If you have answered yes to the questions above and completed all the steps then you are ready to submit your application in full either via mail or email by January 9, 2026. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us at thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org.

Thank you for your interest in the Omega Logan Silva Scholarship.

We look forward to reviewing your completed application. While we do our best to respond to all applicants in a timely manner, please note that due to an increase in submissions, there may be delays in the review process. We appreciate your patience as we conduct a thorough evaluation of all completed applications.