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WHA Foundation, Hospitals Connect Local Schools with Grants for Future Health Care Workforce

MADISON, Wis. — The WHA Foundation is excited to announce a continuation of last year's initiative to help grow the health care workforce in Wisconsin. In collaboration with 24 local hospitals, the WHA Foundation is providing grants to support HOSA-Future Health Professionals chapters in high schools during the 2025-26 school year. Since beginning this program last year, the WHA Foundation and its member hospitals & health systems have provided \$59,500 to 44 schools in Wisconsin to support these chapters.

"The WHA Foundation is proud to continue this support as we look to grow the health care workforce in Wisconsin," said **Kyle O'Brien, WHA President & CEO**. "Wisconsin's hospitals provide rewarding career opportunities in communities around the state. We are proud to support the next generation of health care workers in Wisconsin who will serve an essential role in our members' mission to serve their communities."

HOSA is a student organization that provides members with opportunities to explore health care career options and experiences, and the paths they can take to embark on their professional pathway. Supporting Wisconsin's existing health care workforce is a top priority of Wisconsin hospitals, as is supporting Wisconsin's future health care workforce to maintain the high-quality health care Wisconsin citizens expect and deserve. The partnership between hospitals and high schools to recruit and develop Wisconsin's future health care workforce is an important part of those efforts.

In February 2024, WHA Foundation launched its "[So Many Options](#)" campaign statewide highlighting the vast array of career opportunities available in Wisconsin's health care system. By targeting middle and high school students, both the "So Many Options" campaign and the HOSA grant program serve as invaluable resources to ensure Wisconsin's future health care workforce is strong, well-prepared, and equipped to deliver the highest level of care to all residents.

HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS PARTICIPATING FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Advent Health Durand
- Ascension NE WI - St. Elizabeth Hospital
- Ascension SE WI - Elmbrook Hospital
- Aspirus Medford Hospital
- Aspirus Wausau Hospital
- Aurora Medical Center Summit
- Aurora Baycare Medical Center
- Aurora West Allis Memorial
- Edgerton Hospital and Health Services
- Emplify Health - Bellin Hospital
- Fort HealthCare
- Froedtert Community Hospital – Mequon
- Froedtert Community Hospital – Oak Creek

Emplify Healthy by Gundersen Moundview Hospital & Clinics
HSHS St. Vincent's Hospital
Marshfield Medical Center - Marshfield
Prairie Ridge Health
ProHealth Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital
ProHealth Waukesha Memorial Hospital
Rogers Memorial Hospital Milwaukee
SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital
The Richland Hospital, Inc.
ThedaCare Medical Center - Waupaca
ThedaCare Regional Medical Center - Neenah

HIGH SCHOOLS RECEIVING GRANTS FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR:

Adams-Friendship High School
Adams-Friendship Middle School
Beloit Memorial High School
Brown Deer High School
Dodgeland High School
Gilmanton Middle and High School
Kettle Moraine High School
LaFollette High School
Luxemburg-Casco High School
Medford Area Senior High
Montello High School
Neenah High School
Pilgrim Park Middle School
Pittsville High School
Randolph High School/Cambria Friesland High School Co-op
Richland Center High School
The Lincoln Academy
Waupaca High School
Wausau East High School
Whitewater High School
Whitnall High School

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