



2017 Learn and Earn Scholarship Application Phlebotomy Training Starting

Application Due Date: July 17, 2017
Class Start Date: August 25, 2017

What is AOD? The Alliance for Opportunity and Development (AOD) is a Christian, non-profit organization based in Huntsville, Alabama that provides education and training opportunities to low-income families. Learn more at www.aod-alabama.org. We hope you consider a relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, "It is written, Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Visit www.christianityexplored.org for more.

Who Should Apply: Low-income adults who have a background in healthcare (employment or caring for a family member), want to learn phlebotomy (blood drawing) to enhance their career. AOD will evaluate family income (paystubs and tax return and compare the income to the federal Health and Human Services poverty guidelines). Applicants must have proof of their High School diploma or equivalent or currently be enrolled in the Dual Enrollment Program at Calhoun Community College.

Scholarship Description: This scholarship will pay the \$750 tuition fee (also includes textbook, scrubs, and lab fees) for one student to enroll in Calhoun Community College's Phlebotomy healthcare training program. AOD will deposit funds directly to the college. Any tuition refunds (i.e. for cancellations) revert back to AOD.

The scholarship does not cover the costs for clinicals (estimated at \$320.50 - \$249 for clinical fees and \$71.50 for drug screen/background check). The clinical fee includes membership in the American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians (ASPT) and the cost of the National Certification Exam.

AOD requires the recipient to enroll in clinicals to be eligible for the scholarship (although the clinical training is optional at Calhoun for the Phlebotomy program).

Phlebotomy Program Information: Visit <http://calhoun.edu/workforce-development/workforce-solutions/healthcare-certifications/phlebotomy> for full details. Below is a summary of the program:

The Phlebotomy Technician Program will be a combination of weekly classes/labs and supporting textbook studies. The Program includes learning the techniques of collecting blood specimens by venipuncture, orders of draw, basic patient customer service skills, and accurate logging of specimens. Students will receive hands-on training in a clinical-like setting in our Healthcare lab.

- **Duration:** 8-week course
- **Dates:** August 25 – September 13, 2017
- **Days:** All classes are held on Fridays
- **Class Times are the following:**
 - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (limited to 12 students)
 - 1 pm - 3 pm (limited to 12 students)
 - 5 pm - 7 pm (limited to 12 students)
- **Location:** Huntsville Campus, Room 121 (building 1)
- **Cost:** \$750 (includes textbook, scrubs, and lab fees) – AOD will pay this fee for the scholarship.

Education Requirement: In order to enroll in the Phlebotomy Technician Program, students must have proof of a High School diploma or equivalent or currently be enrolled in the Dual Enrollment Program at Calhoun Community College.

DATES AND DEADLINES

- Prior to this application: Complete FAFSA application. New students: Discuss chosen program with an instructor or counselor at J.F. Drake State.
- Scholarship Dates:
 - Submit Application to AOD July 17, 2017
 - Interviews July 29-30, 2017
 - Selection Completed August 4, 2017
- Applicants Notified August 11, 2017
- School Key Dates
 - Register online/pay tuition Arranged by AOD at time of scholarship selection notification
 - Attend Enrollment Session To be announced by Calhoun via email after online registration
 - Register for classes August 15-19, 2017
 - Classes start August 25, 2017

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrate financial need (priority is given to applicants whose income is near or below federal poverty guidelines for size of family, as evidenced by most recent tax return or other proof of income)
- 18 years of age or older
- U.S. citizen
- High School graduate or GED, or enrolled in Calhoun's Dual Enrollment program
- Current driver's license, not a learners permit (or state issued identification card if disabilities prevent driving)
- Bank account in name of scholarship recipient
- AOD will background check potential selectees. Any criminal record will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Type or print clearly and complete all sections
- Include with this application:
 - Most recent tax return
 - Copy of pay stub if you are currently working
 - Copy of high school diploma or GED
 - Include transcripts for any education or training obtained after high school
 - Optional: Resumé
 - Mail applications to (must be postmarked not later than July 17, 2017):
AOD
6983 Wall Triana Hwy Suite S
Madison, AL 35757

SELECTION PROCESS

- The selection committee will select one or more applicants for interviews. One scholarship recipient will be selected from those interviewed and after results of background checks. Final awardees will then be selected.
- If selected for an interview, you must bring:
 - Copy of current Driver's License
 - Proof of U.S. citizenship (e.g. Social Security card or birth certificate)
- The selection process will consider the following criteria for eligible applicants:
 - Financial need
 - Potential for successful employment based primarily on written application and interview

1. Personal Information

a. Contact Information

Name _____ Date: _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail: _____ Date of Birth _____

b. Are you a U.S. citizen? (circle one) **Yes** **No**

c. Did you graduate High School or earn a GED? **Yes (year) _____** **No**

If not, are you enrolled in the Dual Enrollment Program at Calhoun Community College? **Yes** **No**

d. Do you have a current driver's license, not a learners permit? (circle one) **Yes** **No**
If yes, what is expiration date: _____

e. Do you have a savings and/or checking account? (circle one) **Yes** **No**

If yes, list name of bank or credit union: _____

2. Why did you choose the Phlebotomy program?

3. Education/Training: Do you have college credit, degrees, or certifications from other schools? (circle one) **Yes** **No**

If yes, submit transcripts (unofficial acceptable) and list degrees or certificates and number of credits for incomplete programs/certificates

4. Work Experience

Are you currently employed? (circle one) **Yes** **No**

If yes, please indicate:

Employer(s)	Position	Average hour per week

What arrangements do you have with your employer(s) to continue working and attend classes?

List work history below for last five years (attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary or resume):

From (mm/dd/yy)	To (mm/dd/yy)	Employer	Position	Avg hours per week

5. Family Status (circle one): Married Divorced Single

List children or others you support

First name / Last Name	Age	Relationship

If applicable, describe childcare arrangements while you will be in school

6. Financial

Income Sources	Amount - monthly
Your Job Income	
Spouse or Partner Job Income	
Child Support income	
Food Stamps/EBT	
Housing Assistance	
Other	
Total	

List major expenses that you pay

Expenses	Amount-monthly
Rent or Mortgage (circle one) – your share	
Car payment	
Child Support	
Cable/Satellite TV/Internet	
Cell Phone	
Other (specify):	
Total	

Total Income minus Total Expenses = \$ _____

Describe how you will be paying your bills while attending classes:

7. Transportation: How will you get to classes? Check one

My own vehicle _____ Walk or bicycle _____
Bus _____ Unknown at this time _____
Friend/relative _____

8. Criminal Record: Describe any arrests and/or convictions, include dates:

9. After graduation, are you willing to move away from the Huntsville area to find employment?
(Circle one) Yes No

10. References: List at least two references, such as a pastor or supervisor, who can attest to your character and potential to succeed in your chosen education program.

Name	Relationship	Known for How Long?	Phone Number

11. What are your career goals?

Immediately after graduation/completion:

2-year goals:

5-year goals:

12. Describe any community service activities you participate in or have participated in during the last 12 months.

13. Expectations of Scholarship Recipients

If awarded an AOD scholarship, I agree to (please initial next to each item)

- a. Commit to doing all I can to successfully complete this training program to include clinicals and passing the ASPT National Certification Exam. I understand AOD funding comes from private and business donations and not the Government. Scholarship funds for students who drop out could have been used for other students. _____
- b. Maintain contact with AOD (return phone calls or messages)_____
- c. Inform AOD of any changes affecting completion of your program _____
- d. Attempt to support AOD with participation in occasional fundraisers (e.g. car washes or information meetings) _____
- e. Attempt to participate in AOD events for scholarship recipients such as graduation celebration dinners or other similar events_____

I attest that the information I have provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date