



How you can help

You can help by making contributions to one of these scholarship funds. The average annual costs are:

Charles E. Bates \$4,000-5,000

Bennie-McDonnel-Strawther \$2,000

Sherman \$1,000-\$2,500

This covers the cost of university studies, books and miscellaneous expenses, as well as food and lodging. Medical, dental and nursing degrees are six year programs and high school degrees range from 3-5 years.

If you would like to help a student like Manuela realize their dream for higher education, you can make your contribution check payable to Health Talents with a note directing it to the scholarship fund of your choice. Then mail it to:

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HTI Scholarship Program



*Cure the sick...and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near you."
Luke 10:9*

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Charles E. & Lois Bates

What is it?

Health Talents International's Charles E. & Lois Bates Medical Evangelism Scholarship Program is our innovative effort to identify, nurture and educate our own Christian healthcare providers in Central America. This program is named after HTI's founding president, Charles E. Bates who devoted many years of his life to sharing the story of HTI and to growing this ministry. The fund will pay the majority of the cost of a university education for qualified students. Students' families will also contribute both financial and emotional support forming a healthy partnership.

Purpose?

The purpose of this scholarship fund is to encourage Christian men and women in Central America to become qualified as licensed health care providers (doctors, nurses, dentists, technicians, etc.). They can then serve the health care needs of those in Central America whose needs are not being met by existing health care systems, particularly in Guatemala.

Who can apply?

Students accepted for the Charles E. Bates Medical Evangelism Scholarship Program must be qualified university students who are members of the Church of Christ in Central America and who desire to participate in the Christian ministry of teaching and healing through the medical evangelism ministry of Health Talents.



What then?

Each scholarship recipient will be required to:

- enter into a written contract with Health Talents to commit to one year of work with HTI medical evangelism programs for each year of scholarship funds provided;
- agree to maintain a satisfactory academic record and to submit to an annual review by HTI to determine on-going eligibility for scholarship funds;
- agree to participate as a volunteer with HTI medical evangelism programs in Guatemala annually during the school break (October through December) during the period of university education;
- agree to learn English while a university student; and
- agree to accept assignment of an HTI mentor during the period of university education.

The Bates program celebrated having its first graduate in 2006. Since that time, three dentists, three physicians and four RN's have graduated from this program. There are currently five students studying physical therapy, dentistry and medicine as Bates Scholars.

Bennie/McDonnel Nursing Scholarships

As a subsection of the Bates program the Bennie-McDonnel-Strawther scholarship provides funds for nursing education. This scholarship was set up in honor of Ruth McDonnel, Nancy Bennie and Bill and Marjorie Strawther. Ruth was a lifelong nurse, Nancy is a retired nurse and the Strawthers have been loving supporters of HTI's ministry for many years and their son, plastic surgeon Dr. Philip Strawther, has been an anchor in developing our cleft surgical care. This program has seen two nurses graduate and currently has two scholars working toward their nursing degrees. The Goddard scholarship for nursing is also available to one student per year.

Sherman Scholarship Program

The purpose of the Sherman Scholarship is to recognize the many years of dedicated service in Guatemala of Steve and Magda Sherman. It is designed to make possible a university or trade school education for qualified ABC program students.

Applicants will study computer programming, engineering, education, and other professional fields. In doing so, they will have a significant impact not only upon the future of Guatemala, but the future of the church. Unlike the Bates Scholarship, students will not be required to repay the scholarship through employment with Health Talents, but will be required to volunteer with HTI. The volunteer services will come in the form of a project approved by HTI, tutoring of children at local churches, or by offering other services that match their skill set.

Jackson C. Coker Scholarship

As part of our Charles E & Lois Bates Program, one exceptional student each year will be designated as a Jackson C. Coker scholar. This student will receive additional financial support for instruments or equipment to assist in their studies.

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning."

Proverbs 9:9