



# GiveBack 365

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## The GiveBack365 Scholarship

COLA is pleased to offer \$750 scholarships to aid students currently pursuing a degree in the field of Medical Laboratory Science within an accredited program. This scholarship was formed in 2012 to foster awareness of careers in the medical laboratory and to support the individuals who will become the future of the industry.

COLA is a physician-directed organization whose purpose is to promote health and safety through accreditation and educational programs. In 1993 COLA was granted deemed status by CMS to provide clinical laboratory accreditation. As a leading laboratory accreditor in the United States, COLA operates its accreditation program in accordance with a quality management system certified to ISO 9001:2015. This means we offer our customers a unique, standardized program and staff dedicated to satisfaction and laboratory quality. Our surveyors and technical advisors are guided by a coaching approach and uncomplicated quality engineered processes. Laboratories of all types and sizes are evaluated and mentored to produce accurate test results and meet CLIA regulations.

At the heart of COLA's mission, there is one objective: to enhance patient safety. COLA supports that objective through exciting opportunities to celebrate its successes, engage in professional development and community reinforcing activities, as well as give back efforts. COLA continues to increase awareness about the medical laboratory sciences professions through the GiveBack365 Scholarship Program.

### Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be actively enrolled and in good standing within a Medical Laboratory Science, Cytology, or Histotechnology program at an accredited institution within the US or US territories.
  - Have successfully completed at least one semester in their program.
  - Intend to seek a master, baccalaureate or associate's degree.
  - Have a minimum program GPA of 3.0.
  - Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.
- Candidates will be evaluated on the letter of recommendation in addition to their essay.

### Please include in your application packet:

- The completed application
- A letter of recommendation from someone that knows you based on an academic, work, or other professional relationship. (Please download the letter of recommendation form from the GB365 website and give it to the person you select to make your recommendation).
- An unofficial school transcript indicating your program and overall GPA.
- An essay of approximately 500 words to answer the question on the next page.

## ESSAY QUESTION

**What are the three (3) most important qualities of a GOOD Laboratory Scientist? In your essay, provide specific details for why you selected each quality. Explain with examples, how you demonstrate/maintain these qualities.**

Please submit the completed application and all supporting materials by **December 20, 2022**, using one of the following:

1. Email all materials to [scholarships@giveback365.org](mailto:scholarships@giveback365.org)
2. Mail all materials to:  
COLA Inc.  
*Attn: GiveBack365*  
*9881 Broken Land Parkway, Suite 200*  
*Columbia, Maryland 21046*

The scholarship selection committee will inform the winning applicants on or before **January 31, 2023**, after verification that all eligibility requirements have been met.



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GiveBack365 Scholarship Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Director Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Director Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Program GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of applicant:

Date signed:

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