

**American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)** is a national association of medical assistants founded in 1956.

The Certifying Board of the AAMA sponsors the examination for credentialing medical assistants as CMAs (AAMA). The Medical Assisting Education Review Board (MAERB) of the AAMA Endowment is a committee on accreditation of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), a body that accredits postsecondary medical assisting programs. Many state societies and local chapters exist throughout the United States as a means of education and networking for professional medical assistants.

**The New York State Society of Medical Assistants (NYSSMA)** sponsors educational seminars and an annual state convention to promote the profession of medical assisting and provide continuing education to its members. A publication, **NYSSMA Today**, is sent three times a year to all members.

The **Dorothy Ross Scholarship** was established to honor Dorothy Ross, the first President of NYSSMA. After many years of continued commitment to this organization, Dorothy passed away in 2003. It is an honor for members of NYSSMA to continue her legacy as a staunch advocate of the medical assistant profession by providing scholarship awards in her name to deserving medical assistant students.

The current scholarship award is \$500.00 **which will be sent to your school to offset tuition and other educational expenses.** The winner will also receive dues for AAMA student membership for one year.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be an eligible candidate for this award, the applicant must:

- **Be a high school graduate or attained a GED certificate.**
- Be accepted as a current student in a New York state medical assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs for two marking periods.
- Be committed to the career of medical assisting.
- Demonstrate a good academic record.
- Submit all required documents noted on the application by **January 31, 2012.**

## **DOROTHY ROSS SCHOLARSHIP**

*for*

**NEW YORK STATE**

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT STUDENTS**



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**NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF  
MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, Inc.**

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**DOROTHY ROSS SCHOLARSHIP**

**NEW YORK SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate? Yes \_\_\_No\_\_\_ GED? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_

***MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM***

Name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date of Program \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the information contained on and with this application is true and submitted by the person signed below.

**APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT:**

**Write a short essay (400 words or less). GRAMMAR, SENTENCE STRUCTURE, PARAGRAPHING AND SPELLING WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT DURING THE JUDGING PROCESS.**

**Please include the answers to the following questions:**

- Why did you choose to study medical assisting?
- Why are you a good candidate for this scholarship?
- Have you ever applied or received any other scholarship? If so, to whom have you applied?
- What are your career and professional goals?
- Do you plan to become a Certified Medical Assistant (AAMA)?
- Please comment on how your future career and educational goals can contribute to the profession of medical assisting.

Send all of the following documents to:

**Dorothy Ross Scholarship Selection Committee  
Mrs. Lee F. Damon, CMA (AAMA)  
17 Victor Drive, Albany, NY 12203-4714**

- The essay.**
- Medical Assistant Program Transcript for two marking periods. (Copy signed by Registrar or Program Director is acceptable.)**
- Completion of the Characteristics Evaluation Form (CEF) by either your instructor or program director and also by a professional person i.e, former or current employer or clergy. These should be mailed directly to Mrs. Lee Damon at the address above by the deadline date. The CEF should be in reference to you as a Dorothy Ross Scholarship Applicant.**

To be eligible, your documents MUST be received by January 31, 2012. Notification of awards will be mailed after March 15, 2012.

**This form may be photocopied**