

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.

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.

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
- be committed to the career of medical assisting
- demonstrate a good academic record
- submit all required documents noted on the application by **January 10, 2009**.

DOROTHY ROSS SCHOLARSHIP

for

NEW YORK STATE

MEDICAL ASSISTANT STUDENTS

Sponsored by the

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

The **New York State Society of Medical Assistants (NYSSMA)** is a professional organization that is an affiliate of the **American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA)**

APPLICATION FORM

DOROTHY ROSS SCHOLARSHIP

NEW YORK SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number () _____ Social Security No. _____

High School Attended _____ Graduate? Yes ___No___ GED?Yes___No___

MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Name of Institution _____

Address _____

Program Director _____

Start Date of Program _____ Graduation Date _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ Date _____

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

DIRECTIONS TO APPLICANT:

Write a short essay (400 words or less). The essay should be correct as to grammar, sentence structure, paragraphing and spelling. Please include the answers to the following questions:

- Why did you choose to study medical assisting?
- Why did you choose to study at the school you are attending?
- Why do you need this scholarship award, and how would you plan to use your award?
- Have you applied for or received any other scholarship funds? If so, to whom have you applied?
- What are your plans on completion of your program?
- Why do you think you are deserving of this scholarship award?
- Do you plan to become a Certified Medical Assistant(AAMA)?
- Do you plan to become active in your local chapter and the New York State Society of Medical Assistants?

Send all of the following documents together to:

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

- Application Form**
- Essay**
- Medical Assistant Program Transcript.** (Copy signed by Registrar or Program Director is acceptable.)
- Two letters of reference.** One letter should be from one of your instructors or the Program Director. The second should be from another professional person such as a former or present employer.

This form may be photocopied

To be eligible, your documents **MUST** be received by January 10, 2009. Notification of awards will be mailed after March 1, 2009.