



**Madison-Kanifing Sister City**

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## **Mission Statement**

The Sister City Scholarship strives to encourage the pursuit of higher education for underserved youth, and encourage and foster community ties and involvement within and between our two cities.

## **Application**

Healthcare plays a part in the lives of individuals and communities daily. Workers in this field are frontline warriors in the battle against disease, providers of comfort during times of illness, and advocates for healthier living. They are responsible for pushing the boundaries of medical knowledge, delivering compassionate care, and making healthcare accessible to all.

As demand for healthcare professionals grows, diversity and gender equality in this field become increasingly vital. Inclusivity is essential to the growth and progress of healthcare. Women bring unique and valuable strengths and experiences to the healthcare field.

Historically, women have faced barriers to accessing education and achieving leadership roles in healthcare. Additionally, while rewarding, pursuing a degree in the healthcare field can be financially challenging.

The Fatoumatta Jallow Scholarship Fund aims to support and empower female students pursuing degrees in healthcare so they can afford to complete their education and shape the future of healthcare.

Fatoumatta Jallow migrated to the USA from The Gambia and pursued healthcare in the Madison, Wisconsin area. Unfortunately, she passed away in December 2016. This Scholarship is in memory of her and her ambitions and will cover full tuition for a nursing program. Books and uniforms are not included.

Scholarship applications will be submitted to the Kanifing Municipality Education Committee through the Madison Sister City website and reviewed by the Madison Scholarship Committee. The recipient's school or program will receive the money.

The Fatoumatta Jallow Scholarship board will reward scholarships to the top candidates who prove need, drive, and support the mission of the organization. Each application will be reviewed blindly and ranked by the selection committee based on these qualifiers. It is important to the Fatoumatta Jallow Scholarship that the scholarship is awarded in a way that promotes equity, diversity, and inclusion.

The application deadline is February 20, 2025

**Eligibility criteria:**

1. Female
2. Citizenship Status: Gambian
3. Eligible high school student
4. Local community volunteer (minimum 25hr. within the last year)
5. Academic achievement – Positioning System
6. Financial need – verify through the school
7. Applying for a higher education degree in healthcare

8. Monies will cover the full tuition of the healthcare program. Each semester grades must be submitted to continue receiving scholarships. Grade average must be 3.0 GPA or higher

**Scholarship coverage:**

1. School tuition
2. Schools Covered:
  - a. Gambia College School of Nursing and Midwifery: Located at Marina Parade in Banjul
  - b. American International University West Africa (AIUWA) School of Nursing
  - c. The School for Enrolled Community Health Nurses and Midwives
  - d. The School for Enrolled Nurses, located in the Central River Region of The Gambia
  - e. Sami Institute of Nursing and Health Sciences
  - f. University of The Gambia Postgraduate Diplomas Nursing Program

**Application**

1. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS All applicants are required to submit official academic records, which are the equivalent of grades 9-11 and the result of the first and second semester of the 12th grade. Official transcripts should be sent directly from each school attended.
2. THREE ESSAYS
  - a. Consider something in your life you think goes unnoticed and write about why it's important to you. (Essay 1) (300 words)
  - b. Describe a personal challenge you have faced or a situation in which you or others were treated unfairly . How did you react to the situation and what conclusions did you draw from the experience? Did you turn to others for support? (Essay 2) (300 words)

- c. Tell us why you decided to study in healthcare. In addition, share with us your educational and career goals. Compare your educational interests and goals with other students in your high school, describing how they differ and in what ways they are similar. (Essay 3: 500 words maximum)
3. ONE REQUIRED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION We require you to submit one letter of recommendation written by someone who can attest to your academic ability, such as a teacher, school counselor, or faculty member.
4. Official letter(s) from volunteer agency/agencies with documentation of hours volunteered

