



# **Application for Home Care Aide (HCA) Training Scholarship**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact? \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in training as a Home Care Aide (HCA)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Have you had any experience caring for an infirm person? (Note: previous caregiving experience is not necessary but may be helpful). Please describe.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What skills and qualities do you have that might make you a good caregiver?

4. Do you have any interest in a further career in healthcare?

5. Is there any area of caregiving in which you have a special interest? (e.g., young vs. elderly, hospice/end of life care; companionship for the elderly; neurological issues such as dementia).

6. What hobbies or interests do you have that might make you a good companion for an infirm person?

### **Candidate Qualifications**

- Key caregiver qualities: dependability, compassion, patience, humor, good social skills, honesty, physical strength, and endurance.
- Caregiving can be stressful and demanding with many challenges. The best caregivers bring professionalism, competence and skill to the job.
- Commitment to use HCA training to provide care to individuals and families on Vashon Island.
- For the first year after completing their HCA training and becoming certified, scholarship recipients will be required to commit to work a minimum of 3-5 hours/week with low-income islanders who qualify for state-funded caregiving assistance. (COPES certified clients).
- The scholarship covers tuition for the 75-hour Home Care Aide training course offered on-line by Cornerstone Healthcare Training, as well as state testing and license fees. Recipients will begin the course the week of December 9, 2024 to be completed by March 14, 2024.
- Students are to take their Washington State HCA certification exam and be set up with Consumer Direct Care Network (CDWA) to begin serving COPES clients by April 14, 2024.

### **References**

Please provide the names and contact information, including phone numbers and emails of two references. Include the length of time you have known them and the general nature of your relationship, e.g.: employer, co-worker, someone you've cared for.