

THE DR. ALBERT V. ASSALI SCHOLARSHIP - 2026

The Washington Health Foundation is the administrator of the Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a high school senior or college student who is pursuing higher education in the field of medicine. The scholarship aims to further the field of medicine by supporting the education of local students from the Tri-City Area. The scholarship is intended to continue the legacy of Dr. Albert V. Assali, his belief in the importance of education and his passion for the field of medicine.

Eligibility Criteria:

- A high school senior in the Tri-City Area OR student currently enrolled in a U.S Accredited College
- Has declared a major in or has an interest in pre-med studies
- A resident in the Tri-City Area, or has immediate family with residency (Fremont, Union City, Newark)
- Demonstrates academic excellence with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Actively involved in community service

If awarded, the scholarship of \$2,000 must be used at an accredited college or university. No more than 20 applications will be accepted, and no more than 2 winners will be chosen. The scholarship is not renewable and winners can only be awarded scholarship once.

Application Process

Applicants for the scholarship must provide the following by email to Foundation@whhs.com no later than **Friday, July 31st at 5:00pm** to be considered for academic year 2026-2027. Winners will be contacted by email by mid-August.

- Completed application form, using attached template
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor or mentor (cannot be immediate family)
- Unofficial transcripts (to include GPA/school attendance/classes taken)

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of friends and family of Dr. Assali and/or staff of the Washington Health Foundation. Winner/s will be selected based on consideration of the following:

- The merits of the application
- Applicant's involvement in community service, locally, nationally or internationally
- Preference will be given to students facing financial hardship

Use of Scholarship Funds

By submitting this application, I acknowledge and agree that any scholarship funds awarded must be used solely for qualified education expenses related to my enrollment in an accredited educational institution.

Qualified education expenses include tuition, required fees, books, supplies, and equipment necessary for my course of study. Scholarship funds may not be used for non-qualified expenses, including but not limited to room and board, travel, insurance, living expenses, or personal expenses, unless otherwise permitted by applicable tax law.

I understand that misuse of scholarship funds may require repayment to the Foundation and may affect my eligibility for future funding.

Questions should be sent to foundation@whhs.com or (510) 818-7350.

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BACKGROUND

Dr. Albert Victor Assali was born in Les Cayes, Haiti in 1937, the oldest of six children. An exceptional student from a young age, Albert had a love of learning that never waned during his lifetime. He excelled academically graduating from Harvard University before earning his medical degree from Columbia University in New York. At Columbia, Albert met his classmate and lifelong best friend Dr. Dan Morgan which proved to be fateful when Dan introduced Albert to Cora, the love of his life and his wife of 57 years.

Albert completed his internship and residency at Bellevue Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. After they married, Albert and Cora made their home in Demarest, New Jersey and Cora gave birth to their three daughters Evelyne, Karen and Tina. In 1969, the family moved to San Diego where Albert served for two years as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy at Balboa Naval Hospital. In 1971, they moved north to Fremont, CA where Dr. Assali opened his private practice and joined the medical staff at Washington Hospital. As a doctor, Albert was greatly admired by his colleagues for his knowledge and dedication and by his patients for his warmth and compassion. His devotion to helping others lead him to many medical mission trips including to his home country of Haiti and to the Honduras. Albert's fluency in French, English, Spanish and Creole was an invaluable asset to those efforts. Albert retired from surgery in 2008 and eventually retired from work in 2016.

Albert was an avid gardener with a very green thumb. He and Cora spent hours toiling in the garden, running irrigation lines, fixing sprinklers and trimming plants. The bounty of fruits, vegetables and flowers from the garden made their way into the house and the kitchen and his and Cora's excellent cooking. After work, Albert loved to pour a glass of wine and walk through the yard to check his plants and smell the flowers.

He and Cora traveled extensively and his love for his wife lead him to adventures that were out of his comfort zone including backpacking through Yosemite, white-water rafting down the Colorado River and eclipse-watching in Bend, Oregon. Their love of good food and history took them to every corner of the globe. Albert continued to further his education throughout his life by listening to courses on tape with Cora. He loved to read and could at any time be found with his head in a book or magazine with classical music playing loudly in the background. Albert's greatest joy came from simply spending time with his large, loving and devoted family.

Dr. Assali was passionate about education and furthering the field of medicine, and this scholarship intends to continue his legacy for a love of learning.



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INSTRUCTIONS

All information submitted on this application is confidential. Please complete this form electronically or by printing and hand-writing information. Please send completed application form, letter of recommendation and unofficial transcript to the Foundation at Foundation@washingtonhealth.com by Monday, July 31st, 2026. If you have questions, please contact the Washington Health Foundation. Applications can also be mailed to the address below:

*Washington Health Foundation
Attn: Dr. Albert V. Assali Scholarship
2000 Mowry Avenue
Fremont, CA 94538*

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

College/University currently attending or planning to attend:

What inspired you to study medicine and what excites you most about your studies (limit 150 words)?

How do you plan to use your education and skills to contribute to the field of medicine (limit 150 words)



