

WILLIAM L. IVEY TEAM MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

About William L. Ivey



William L. Ivey served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Richland Memorial Hospital (now Prisma Health Richland) from 1975 until his retirement in 1992. His experience – a combination of academics, patient services, hospital administration and comprehensive health planning services – and his personal and professional commitment to affordable, quality health care for everyone enabled him to set a course for Richland Memorial, increasing its size and services to the state while making it a recognized leader in health care.

Upon his retirement, donors to the then Richland Memorial Hospital Foundation created an endowment to support educational initiatives that would develop solutions to health problems in which South Carolina ranks below the national average in outcomes. This endowment is now managed by Prisma Health Midlands Foundation.

William L. Ivey Scholarship Information

The William L. Ivey endowment provides a unique scholarship opportunity for professional development for Prisma Health Richland team members. The scholarship will provide conference registration, hotel accommodations and travel to one of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) national or international conferences with the expectation that knowledge gained will be shared with others at Prisma Health and will result in first-hand expertise that will be a tremendous asset to Prisma Health.

Upon returning from the IHI conference, scholarship recipients will present their findings to the Prisma Health Richland Executive Leadership Team and/or the Quality and Patient Safety Committee, the Harm Elimination Team, colleagues, other team members and other appropriate committees.

Timeline and How to Apply:

May 14, 2026	Application will be available on Midlands Foundation website and via Richland Administration
June 19, 2026	Applications due
Mid July	Scholarship winners notified
Fall 2026 - Spring 2027	Conference travel

- As long as resources are available, this scholarship will be awarded at the sole discretion of the William L. Ivey Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Applicant must be a full-time or part-time team member reporting up through Prisma Health Richland chain of command. Applicant must have worked for Prisma Health for at least two years at time of application. Applicant must be a team member in good standing as verified by a Human Resource review of personnel file. This process is CONFIDENTIAL and will be initiated by the COO's office, not the applicant.
- Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation from supervisor. Letters should be in narrative format and speak to the worthiness and attributes that qualify applicant for consideration of this scholarship. Letters should be signed by the writer and submitted in pdf format via email to Paulette.Sessions@PrismaHealth.org by stated deadline.
- A recipient is eligible to receive support of up to \$5,000. Scholarship funds may not be retroactively applied and are intended to support 2026-2027 IHI conference registration and travel expenses. When timing allows, recipients must take advantage of Early Bird Registration pricing.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to present a summary of their conference attendance and findings to the Prisma Health Richland COO and leadership team.

Conference Opportunities

Conferences	Dates	Location	Eligibility
<p>IHI Forum 2026: Phoenix</p> <p>https://events.ihf.org/forum</p> <p>Registration available now. IHI Forum brings together more than 3,000 health care professionals from over 55 countries for four days of shared learning, connection, and inspiration.</p>	Dec. 6-9, 2026	Phoenix, AZ	\$3,000
<p>IHI/BMJ International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: Lisbon 2027</p> <p>https://internationalforum.bmj.com/lisbon/</p> <p>Registration opens in August. The International Forum will focus on the key themes in health and care in Europe, while bringing in perspectives and knowledge from around the world.</p>	April 20-22, 2027	Lisbon, Portugal	\$5,000

Allowable Expenses

Allowable pre-travel expenses include accommodations, conference registration, and airfare. These should be coded to the WL Ivey Fund cost center. For allowable expenses that the team member pays for on a personal card, the team member can submit receipts for reimbursement upon return to Prisma Health Richland Administration office.

Please note: Any costs that exceed scholarship amount are the responsibility of award recipient. This includes travel, lodging, food expenses, etc.

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