

**Subject** Higher education: health technician scholarship program

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## Overview

This bill establishes a new program within the Office of Higher Education (OHE) to provide up to 1,000 scholarships of \$5,000 each to students entering programs in specified health technician fields. The program receives a onetime appropriation that is available through June 2026.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Allied health technician scholarship program.</b></p> <p><b>Subd. 1. Establishment.</b> Establishes the program in OHE and sets out its purpose.</p> <p><b>Subd. 2. Eligible student.</b> Lays out student eligibility criteria. The scholarships are for resident students newly entering the specified health technician programs and may be received only once per student.</p> <p><b>Subd. 3. Administration; award amount.</b> Requires OHE to create an application process. Award amounts are \$5,000 single-payment awards.</p> <p><b>Subd. 4. Reporting.</b> Requires two annual reports to the legislature on the program.</p> <p><b>Subd. 5. Expiration.</b> Provides that the program expires June 30, 2026.</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>Appropriation.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$5,380,000 in onetime funding for the program in section 1. The funds are available until June 30, 2026. Of the appropriated amount:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ \$5,000,000 is for student scholarships;</li><li>▪ \$230,000 is for promotion and recruitment; and</li><li>▪ \$150,000 is for program administration.</li></ul>   |