**Christopher Decker Scholarship Application 2023**

**Application Introduction and Directions**

Thank you in your interest in the Christopher Decker Scholarship. Chris Decker was the CEO of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin (PSW) for almost 30 years after beginning his career at the Iowa Pharmacy Association. His legacy of developing a Wisconsin Pharmacy culture of innovation, collaboration, and mutual respect supported pharmacy practice advancement in Wisconsin and beyond. Chris Decker impacted many by his story, his positivity, and his call to us to be “Difference Makers.” Read more about Chris’s legacy [here](https://www.jpswi.org/uploads/1/1/7/1/117140068/decker_tribute.pdf).

This scholarship is intended to recognize future pharmacists who emulate Chris’s legacy of innovation, collaboration, mutual respect, positivity, and his call to us to be “Difference Makers.”

In 2023, five scholarships of $1,000 each will be awarded to students pursuing a PharmD degree. The applicant with the highest score from each of the following schools will be awarded the Christopher Decker Scholarship: Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, Drake University College of Pharmacy, Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, and University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy. Those that are not selected are highly to encouraged to apply in future years.

A student must be enrolled in a PharmD program at a school of pharmacy located in either Wisconsin or Iowa, graduating between 2024-2027, and either a Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin or Iowa Pharmacy Association member to apply. A student is eligible to receive one Christopher Decker Scholarship during their time in pharmacy school.

Applications are due May 1, 2023. Applications must be sent in a Word document to info@pswi.org.

In part 1, you will be asked for contact information. This information will be de-identified during the application review and therefore, will not be provided to the reviewers.

In part 2, you will be asked three questions. Each response is limited to a maximum of 300 words. The font must be Times New Roman, 11-point font. The formatting must be double-spaced and have half-inch margins. Pictures, graphics, tables, and charts are not allowed. Names of individuals and pharmacy organizations in your written responses will be redacted prior to being sent to the reviewers.

These responses will be scored by 3 reviewers using a rubric using a de-identified review process. Only completed applications will be relayed to reviewers for scoring. Written feedback on the applications from the reviewers will not be collected by the Wisconsin Pharmacy Foundation and the Iowa Pharmacy Foundation, nor provided to the applicants.

The Wisconsin Pharmacy Foundation / Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin and the Iowa Pharmacy Foundation / Iowa Pharmacy Association welcome applications from those who represent diversity in race, color, ethnicity, culture, national origin, sexual orientation, age, gender, gender identity, social class, physical ability/attributes, religious or ethical value systems, language, pharmacy practice area, geographic location, and other perspective shaping backgrounds.

**Rubric**

Each question is worth 25 points.

Compelling

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| The answer evokes strong interest attention or admiration in a powerfully interesting way | The answer evokes somewhat strong interest attention or admiration in a powerfully interesting way | The answer evokes neither strong or weak interest attention or admiration in a powerfully interesting way | The answer evokes somewhat weak interest attention or admiration in a powerfully interesting way | The answer evokes weak interest attention or admiration in a powerfully interesting way |

Vision

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| The answer demonstrates the candidate has a strong ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom | The answer demonstrates the candidate has a somewhat strong ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom | The answer demonstrates the candidate has neither a strong or weak ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom | The answer demonstrates the candidate is somewhat lacking the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom | The answer demonstrates the candidate is lacking ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom |

Determination

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| The answer provides strong evidence of a firmness of purpose or a fixed unwavering intention | The answer provides somewhat strong evidence of a firmness of purpose or a fixed unwavering intention | The answer provides neither strong or weak evidence of a firmness of purpose or a fixed unwavering intention | The answer provides somewhat weak evidence of a firmness of purpose or a fixed unwavering intention | The answer provides weak evidence of a firmness of purpose or a fixed unwavering intention |

Service

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| The answer demonstrates strong actions of helping or doing work for others | The answer demonstrates somewhat strong actions of helping or doing work for others | The answer demonstrates neither strong or weak actions of helping or doing work for others | The answer demonstrates somewhat weak actions of helping or doing work for others | The answer demonstrates weak actions of helping or doing work for others |

Change

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**Application – Part 1**

**(Information in Part 1 is De-identified during the Application Review)**

**Personal Information:**

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| **Name (First and Last)** |  |
| **Mailing Address** **Name****Street****City, State, Zip Code** |  |
| **School of Pharmacy Name** |  |
| **School of Pharmacy:** **Start Date** |  |
| **School of Pharmacy: Anticipated Graduation** |  |
| **Cell Phone** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |

**Application – Part 2**

Please respond to the following question in a Word document. Each response is limited to a maximum of 300 words. The font must be Times New Roman, 11-point font. The formatting must be double-spaced and have half-inch margins. Pictures, graphics, tables, and charts are not allowed. Names of individuals and pharmacy organizations in your written responses will be redacted prior to being sent to the reviewers.

1. **How do you intend to be a difference-maker as both a pharmacist and a person in your community? Include a description of attributes of a difference maker (including but not limited to: innovation, collaboration, and mutual respect) and describe how you are practicing or intending to practice those attributes?**

Insert answer here

1. **The work of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin and Iowa Pharmacy Association is often accomplished with great determination over many years. Describe what perseverance or resilience means to you and provide an example of a time where you showed perseverance or resilience, either in your pharmacy career or personally.**

Insert answer here

1. **Christopher Decker viewed pharmacy practice with great optimism. What makes you optimistic about being a pharmacist in today’s health care environment, and how will you share that optimism with patients and the patient’s community?**

Insert answer here