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# Medtronic Spark Scholarship launches to help students from low-income households globally pursue health tech careers

- Medtronic Spark Scholarship provides financial assistance and access to support services for students pursuing health tech and related degrees
- Applications close on January 30, 2026

Medtronic, a global leader in healthcare technology, today announced the Medtronic Spark Scholarship, a program to remove financial barriers for talented students pursuing health tech and related careers.

The scholarship is a core part of [Medtronic Spark](#), a global 10-year initiative to propel 1 million students from low-income households into health tech careers. By 2030, the global shortfall of health workers [is predicted](#) to reach 11 million.

Scholarship recipients are eligible for financial support to meet education expenses – renewable for up to four years – and career-building experiences, which may include Medtronic mentorship, coaching, and networking support. There is also an opportunity for additional funding for unexpected episodic hardships during the scholarship period.

A [survey](#) conducted by Gallup and the Lumina Foundation found that over half of current, former, and prospective students (53%) cited financial aid or scholarships as important factors in their decision to continue or enroll in a postsecondary program.

Additionally, a global [study](#) of 700,000+ respondents by the World Economic Forum found that young people's highest priority is obtaining the education, skills and competencies to allow them to enter the workforce and build successful careers.

"This global program is designed to inspire the next generation of health tech leaders. By helping bridge financial barriers and providing ongoing support, it enables talented students to thrive. From their first day of college to launching their careers, this program aims to open doors and empower students on their path to a brighter future in health tech," said Sally Saba, president of Medtronic Foundation.

Medtronic will award up to 100 new scholarships each year to students residing in 70+ [eligible countries](#). Applications close on **Jan. 30, 2026**. Visit [jie.org/medtronicsparkscholarship](http://jie.org/medtronicsparkscholarship) to learn more.

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