

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL**

The future of quality education in New Hanover County lies in the hands of the prospective teachers of our students. In order to attract high quality individuals into the profession, the New Hanover County Board of Education (Board) shall award four (4) scholarship loans of \$7,000 each per year, subject to appropriate funding from New Hanover County. Said amounts shall be loaned to the recipients and used for approved and necessary expenses in connection with an accredited North Carolina college or university of the recipient's choice: specifically, \$3,500 shall be awarded per semester. A total amount of \$28,000 per scholarship shall be loaned over a four (4) year period, provided the recipients comply with the terms of the scholarships. The scholarships shall provide incentive, recognition, and financial assistance to outstanding individuals who are academically talented for professional development in the field of education.

The award shall be based on the following conditions:

- Each applicant for the scholarship must be a senior in a New Hanover County public (non-charter) high school. Recipients of other scholarships are not necessarily prohibited from candidacy. Applications must be signed by the student and the student's parent if the student is a minor. Applicants must be United States citizens or legal permanent residents and must be authorized to work legally in the United States.
- Scholarship recipients must obtain a North Carolina teaching license within four (4) years of the initial scholarship award and must, within seven (7) years of receiving such teaching license, teach as a full-time classroom teacher in New Hanover County Schools for one (1) year for each year a scholarship is awarded, if offered employment. Failure to comply with these conditions shall require repayment of all scholarship funds awarded, unless an extension is granted by the Board. Compliance with these conditions and any others set forth in the scholarship agreement shall result in forgiveness of the scholarship loan(s). The Board reserves the right to forgive some or all of the scholarship loans for other reasons, including the death or disability of the recipient, in its sole discretion, or as provided in the scholarship agreement.
- Scholarship recipients must be accepted into and enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited North Carolina college or university of their choice in a teacher education program. In order to remain eligible for the scholarship and for forgiveness of the scholarship loan(s), the recipient must, in addition to complying with any other terms and conditions of the scholarship loan, remain a student in good standing, adhere to all requirements and standards imposed by the college or university, as well as the teacher education program, and achieve a minimum 2.5 grade point average each year.
- Scholarship recipients are selected through a rigorous selection process. Selection is made on the basis of high school grades, class standing, SAT scores, writing samples, community service, extracurricular activities, and references from teachers and members of the community. Financial need is not a consideration. Selected applicants shall be interviewed by the Board, and the Board shall decide which, if any, applicants shall receive a scholarship.

- Scholarship loans made pursuant to this Policy shall be made upon written agreements approved and signed by the recipients and the Board. If the recipient is a minor, the agreement shall be signed by a parent or guardian of the student, as well as the student.
- The Superintendent or designee is authorized to enact procedures consistent with this Policy. The Superintendent shall also, with input from the Board Attorney, create a written scholarship agreement to be used subject to the Board's approval.

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