

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL

The future of quality education for New Hanover County lies in the hands of the future teachers of our students. In order to attract high quality individuals into the profession, the New Hanover County Board of Education will award two scholarships of \$1,000 each per year credited to the student's account at the accredited college or university of his choice to be disbursed at the rate of \$500 per semester for a total of \$4,000 per scholarship over a four year period. The scholarship will provide incentive, recognition, and financial assistance to an outstanding individual for his professional development in the field of education. The following procedures will be followed:

1. Each applicant for the scholarship must be a senior in a New Hanover County public high school or currently employed with the New Hanover County Board of Education in a classified position. Current employees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.
2. Scholarship winners, if offered employment with the New Hanover County Schools, must agree to teach in New Hanover County for one year for each year a scholarship is awarded. Forfeiture of the scholarship will require repayment to the New Hanover County Board of Education.
3. One of the two scholarships will be awarded to a minority candidate and the other to a non-minority candidate. Recipients of other scholarships are not prohibited from candidacy.
4. The scholarship winner must be accepted into and enrolled as a full-time student in the North Carolina college or university of his choice in a teacher education program. In order to remain eligible for the scholarship, the recipient must remain a student in good standing, adhere to all requirements and standards imposed by the college or university he is attending and the teacher education program in his school.
5. The screening committee will be chosen from the local North Carolina Teaching Fellows Review Panel. This committee will review applications, conduct personal interviews, and recommend the recipients. The Board of Education will award the scholarship. The committee will examine a number of criteria including high school grades, writing samples, class standing, and SAT scores. Other considerations include the intended major of the applicant, community and school service, extracurricular activities, and references from teachers and members of the community.

Graduate Level

The Board of Education also offers graduate level scholarships. These scholarships are designed for individuals who have undergraduate degrees in fields other than education and wish to become fully certified as teachers, counselors, administrators or other professional

educators. Scholarships will be awarded to apply toward tuition and book costs not to exceed \$1000 per calendar year until degree completion. (The award will pay for approximately three 3-semester hour courses per year in the state university system.) For current employees, leaves of absence and/or part-time or flex-time employment may be offered as a part of the scholarship. Procedures include

1. Applicants may or may not be employees of the New Hanover County Schools who hold an undergraduate degree in a field other than education. Scholarship winners, if offered employment with the New Hanover County Schools, must agree to work in New Hanover County for three years. Forfeiture of the scholarship will require repayment to the New Hanover County Board of Education.
2. Minority candidates and current employees are encouraged to apply.
3. The scholarship winners must be accepted into a graduate education program in a North Carolina University. In order to remain eligible for the scholarship, the recipients must remain graduate students in good standing.
4. The selection committee will be appointed by the Student/Personnel Services Division and approved by the superintendent. This committee will review applications, conduct personal interviews, and recommend recipients. Selection criteria will include the potential to complete graduate work and to serve the education community. The Board of Education will award the scholarship.

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