

THE NC AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The NC AHEC Scholars Program recruits, trains, and supports a diverse group of students from across the state, creating a multidisciplinary team of health professionals committed to both community service and the transformation of health care in North Carolina. We seek individuals who are committed to improving health and health care, devoted to community service, and interested in improving their own skills and in working with other professionals in team-based care.

With an emphasis on individuals from underrepresented minority populations and/or from disadvantaged/rural backgrounds, as well as first-generation college students, the NC AHEC Scholars Program aims to improve the diversity and distribution of all health professions and to support health systems transformation across the state. Each class of NC AHEC Scholars represents a variety of health professions and institutions from every region of North Carolina.

Selected applicants participate in a two-year educational program and may receive an \$2000 travel expense subsidy (\$1000 per year, subject to academic or institutional approval). Each AHEC Scholar will receive a NC AHEC Scholars Certificate, setting them apart from other students in an increasingly competitive environment. Selected scholars will meet students and faculty from other schools and across the region and state. They will also have the chance to meet leaders in health care and make connections with other participants, creating an invaluable network for their future careers.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

NC AHEC Scholars must:

- be enrolled in a college-level health professions education training program in North Carolina by August 31, 2021,
- have reliable access to Wi-Fi,
- have reliable transportation, and
- be eligible to work inside the United States.

REQUIREMENTS

Each NC AHEC Scholar must:

- be committed to the program for a total of two years,
- complete 40 hours of didactic training each year of the program, and
- complete 40 hours of experiential training each year of the program.

Part 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Name of High School

Graduation Year

City

State

County

COLLEGE EDUCATION

College/University/Community College you are currently attending

Anticipated Graduation Date (mm/yyyy)

City

State

DISCIPLINE/PROGRAM ENROLLED

Allied Health (specify specialty)

Clinical Psychologist

Dental

Dietician

Medicine (MD/DO)

MHA

Nursing (specify specialty)

Pharmacy

Physicians Assistant

Physical Therapy

Physician Therapy Asst.

Public Health

Radiography

Respiratory

Social Work

Other (please specify) _____

Specify specialty, if applicable: _____

HONORS/SCHOLARSHIPS

What academic honors and/or scholarships have you received?

What extracurricular activities have you participated in?

Part 3: FAMILY / BACKGROUND

Are you the first generation in your family to attend college? Yes No

Will you be the first in your family to receive a bachelor's degree? Yes No

If applicable, describe any family or personal hardships or unique circumstances you would like to share.

Part 4: INTEREST INFORMATION

How did you learn about the NC AHEC Scholars Program?

Have you participated in AHEC health careers programs? Yes No
(For example: summer camps, conferences, academic enrichment programs)

If yes, state which AHEC, the program name, and the dates attended:

Indicate other programs that you have participated in:

SEP Science Enrichment Preparation Program

MED Medical Education Development Program

Other (please specify) _____

Part 5: ESSAY

Respond to one of the essay questions below in 300 to 500 words. Please be sure to answer all parts of the question.

ESSAY 1

Describe your background and career goals. Explain any unusual aspects of your preparation and/or record. How do you feel the AHEC Scholars Program will be of benefit to you in accomplishing your academic and career goals?

ESSAY 2

Tell us about your proudest achievement, a time where you built something meaningful or important or made a significant contribution in the health field or in community service.

ESSAY 3

Why are you pursuing a health profession and what do you think is the most important aspect of a health care professionals's career?

Essay choice chosen: Essay 1 Essay 2 Essay 3

RESPONSE

Part 6: LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Please attach two letters of reference from teachers/faculty, community leaders, mentors, etc., and provide your references' contact information below.

REFERENCE 1

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Relationship to you

REFERENCE 2

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Relationship to you