



Greetings,

The Jim and Sue Bernstein Health Center Scholarship program commemorates the late Jim Bernstein, a national rural health pioneer who, for more than 30 years, led North Carolina's efforts as a model of innovation for community-driven care for low-income, under-served, and vulnerable NC residents. The scholarship also honors Sue Bernstein, Jim's wife and partner for 40 years, a former teacher and returning Peace Corps volunteer who continued to work with school-age and college students as a tutor, mentor, friend and advisor.

Scholarships are offered every year by the Foundation for Health Leadership & Innovation to employees and dependents of North Carolina's qualified rural health centers. This application cycle is for academic programs starting **Fall 2023 through June 2024**. More information about the scholarship program can be found at [www.foundationhli.org/bernstein-scholars](http://www.foundationhli.org/bernstein-scholars).

#### Application Instructions

- Health Center Directors are asked to read the attached guidelines thoroughly, then send the appropriate application to their intended nominee. **Please note, applications are limited to 3 dependents and 3 employees from any entity.**
- The nominee is asked to complete the application that best suits their situation (i.e., employee, dependent, or re-applicant).
- All applicants must live in North Carolina.
- **All applicants must have 2 years of service by the due date of the application.**
- Applicants must submit the completed, signed application as soon as possible or by the **5:00 PM, May 26, 2023 deadline.**
- Scanned/emailed documents are preferred and can be sent to Nel Edwards at [nel.edwards@foundationhli.org](mailto:nel.edwards@foundationhli.org)
- Applications and documents sent via USPS must be postmarked by **May 26, 2023** and mailed to: FHLI, 2401 Weston Parkway, Suite 203, Cary, NC 27513.

The Jim Bernstein Health Leadership Committee will review the applications and determine the scholarship awardees. All scholarship awards are made directly to the institution in which the recipient is enrolled.

We hope that you will share this information with your staff. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

*David Reese*

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