



# BERNSTEIN SCHOLARS

Category	Eligibility Criteria – Guidelines for Center Directors
<b>Employees</b>	Center Directors may nominate dedicated clinical (e.g., nurses, lab techs) and non-clinical (billing clerks, receptionists) employees of moderate to low income, who intend to advance their education and skills related to their work at the health center. <b>Applications are limited to 3 employees from any entity, who have been working at the health center for at least two years as of May 29, 2026.</b>
<b>Dependents of Employees</b>	Center Directors should nominate dependents of moderate to low-income, dedicated employees who are eligible for college or other post-secondary programs. Intended for dependents of non-physicians. <b>Applications limited to 3 dependents per entity where the employee has worked at the health center for at least two years as of May 29, 2026.</b> Preference for majors in healthcare and supportive fields who will serve in rural communities.
<b>Student Characteristics</b>	Must be of strong moral character, in good academic standing, demonstrated community service, and admitted to an accredited university, college, technical, or trade school. Applicants must truthfully complete the application and submit required documents. Scholarship recipients must provide semester progress reports via survey.
<b>Colleges &amp; Post-Secondary Programs</b>	Acceptable institutions include accredited universities, community colleges, technical, and trade schools. Accredited distance-learning degree and certificate programs may be considered with scrutiny. The Committee critically evaluates program type and accreditation status.
<b>Eligibility for Second Award</b>	Previous scholarship recipients may apply for an additional one-year award. Minimum GPA requirement: 2.5. <b>A maximum of two scholarships</b> can be awarded to an individual.
<b>Required Documents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed online application</li> <li>2. Letter of nomination from the Health Center Director</li> <li>3. Letter of recommendation from a teacher/adult who is a non-relative</li> <li>4. Unofficial copy of most recent transcript</li> </ol>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	May 29, 2026 Application Link: <a href="https://ncohc.typeform.com/to/v7hYCXLr">https://ncohc.typeform.com/to/v7hYCXLr</a>

