

## The Jim and Sue Bernstein Health Center Employee Scholarship Application

The Jim and Sue Bernstein Scholarship 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.

To apply for a Jim and Sue Bernstein Scholarship, please complete this application form, attach all required documents, and submit the full application to Nel Edwards at the Foundation for Health Leadership & Innovation. Use additional pages as necessary. Applications may be submitted electronically to nel.edwards@foundationhli.org, or by USPS (2401 Weston Parkway, Suite 203, Cary, NC 27513). The deadline for submitting applications is **5:00PM, June 4, 2021** for course work to be completed by June 2022.

If selected for a scholarship, scholars will be required to submit additional information to FHLI, including their Student ID Number. All payments will be made directly to the institution in which scholars are enrolled. Scholars will also be asked to provide permission to include information about their experience and how they benefited from the scholarship program, to be posted on FHLI's website.

Scholarships of \$250-\$2,000 per academic year are available. The level of funding depends on the applicant pool, student need, and factors determined by the Jim Bernstein Health Leadership advisory committee.

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**List of required application materials:** *A full application consists of the following items.*

1. **A letter of nomination from Center Director** of eligible nonprofit, community-based health center. Each center is given a set of guidelines for making their nominations.
  2. **Completed application** (this document).
  3. **Current transcript** if already enrolled in post-secondary education. Copies are acceptable; originals or official reports are not needed.
  4. **Signature** on the affirmation at the end of the application.
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### Application

Applicant Name: Lula Renee Boone  Birth MM/DD/YY: 08/05/79

Full Home Address: 1811 Roanoke Avenue Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

Phone Number: 252-640-4454  Email Address: lula.richardson@rhgnc.org

Name of Nominating Health Center: RHG- Women's Health and Family

Employment Start MM/YY: 07/18  Current Job Title: Clinical Medical Assistant,

If currently attending school (Spring 2021), list school name and address:

N/A

Current cumulative grade point average at this school or institution: 2.04

If applicable, please list all post-secondary schools (universities, community colleges, etc.) previously attended; include name of school, class standing achieved (1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, etc.), and cumulative GPA:

Halifax Communty College

School to-be-attended with scholarship funds (Fall 2021); list name and address:

Nash Community College 522 North Old Carriage Road, Rocky Mount, NC, 2780

NC Wesleyan College 3400 N Wesleyan Blvd Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Class standing at this school in Fall 2021: (e.g. Freshman, Sophomore, etc.) Freshman

Applicant's declared major(s) or anticipated focus of study: Pre- Nursing

Current estimated cost of tuition and required fees per academic year (cost of tuition and fees minus the amount you are confirmed to receive from other scholarships): \$2,800/ \$4,800

**For the following prompts, please attach additional pages if necessary.**

In 250-300 words, please explain your academic and career goals, and how past experiences and your experience in working at a rural health center have shaped your goals.

I plan to return to school in the fall taking my prerequisites such as Anatomy & Physiology and Pharmacology. I want to get these classes out of the way, so when I get into the RN program I will not be stretching myself thin. I plan to continue to work full time while taking online classes and night class until I finish school. I was in the LPN program in the early 2000's. I made it to the end of my second semester. I needed 1.6 of a point to continue to the final semester. I was a little broken, but kept the desire to be a nurse in my heart. I have worked as a CNA since 1999. My first job was on Med Surge at Halifax Regional Medical Center. I also did home health for a few years and worked at an assisted living as a Med Tech all while getting an associates degree. In the midst of all this I became a mother for the second time and I went back to working at the hospital for the second time. I worked there for seven years in the float pool where I got to experience different sides of nursing. My passion however was labor and delivery. At this time I still had the desire to be a nurse, but I was a single parent of two trying to keep my head above water. I decided to put off going back to school to take care of my family. I was offered a job



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to work day shift as a medical assistant for a pain clinic. I worked there for two years, but I knew it was not my passion. I didn't feel like the patients health truly mattered. A job opportunity with RHG came to me and I applied for the position. I have been here since and do not plan on leaving. I have watched so many of my co-workers and friends go back to school, so I decided it is time for me to take a leap of faith now that I am married. My co-workers have been encouraging me to go back to school, they tell me they see the potential in me and want me to further my education. I am currently a CNA, CMA, and a Breastfeeding Educator. As a registered Nurse I can become an IBCLC which is a lactation consultant. If we start to do centering groups I will better lead the program and much more as a RN. I want to do so much for our patients at RHG, but I can not do them because of my title. I am not just a CMA I am my patients advocate and I am willing to push myself even harder for them. RHG-Women's Health has showed me that our patients health and well being matters. This is not just a job for me it's my life.

In 50-100 words, please explain how receiving this scholarship would impact your goals.

Obtaining this scholarship will be a great blessing to help me on the road to becoming a registered nurse. I will be able to focus on my studies and not on how I will afford returning to school with a family. I do not want to take away from my household and put more stress on my husband financially. This alone will be a major impact on my goals if I am to be awarded the scholarship. Lastly I will be able to show my children that we should never give up on our dreams no matter what obstacles may come up in life.

### Signed Affirmation (required)

I affirm that the information in this application is true. I understand that failure to be truthful in the application will lead to the forfeiture of any awarded scholarship and will require repayment of any scholarship already paid.

Signature: *Lula B. Boone*

Date: 5/27/2021

**Deadline to submit full application is 5:00 PM, June 4, 2021.**



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RHG at Drugco Express (Roanoke Rapids)  
Phone: 252-535-3516

RHG at Enfield  
Phone: 252-445-2332

RHG Family and Women's Health  
(Roanoke Rapids)  
Phone: 252-535-1414

RHG at GCP (KIPP Gaston College Prep)  
School Based Health Center Program  
Phone: 252-308-0577

RHG at HCC (Halifax Community College)  
(Weldon)  
Phone: 252-578-8685

RHG at HMS (Halifax Medical Specialists)  
(Roanoke Rapids)  
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RHG at HRMC (Halifax Regional Medical Ctr.)  
(Roanoke Rapids) (Campus of Vidant Hospital)  
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RHG at Henderson  
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RHG at Jackson  
Phone: 252-534-1661

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Phone: 252-536-5920

RHG at Lake Gaston (Littleton)  
Phone: 252-586-5411

RHG at Norlina  
Phone: 252-456-2009  
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RHG at Rich Square  
Phone: 252-539-2082

RHG at Roanoke Rapids  
Phone: 252-536-5000

RHG at Roanoke Rapids - Pediatrics  
Phone: 252-536-5000

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Phone: 252-536-5880

RHG at Scotland Neck  
Phone: 252-826-3143

RHG at Stovall  
Phone: 919-690-0815  
Pharmacy Phone: 252-436-6903

RHG at Twin County (Hollister)  
Phone: 252-586-5151  
Pharmacy Phone: 252-536-5886

RHG at Whitakers  
Phone: 252-437-2171

June 4, 2021

Foundation for Health Leadership and Innovation  
2401 Weston Parkway, Suite 203  
Cary, North Carolina 27513

RE: Jim and Sue Bernstein Scholarship

Dear Selection Committee:

It is my pleasure to nominate Lula Boone for the Jim and Sue Bernstein Employee Dependent Scholarship for the 2021-2022 year.

Lula works as a Certified Medical Assistant at our Family and Women's Health clinic in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. She desires to increase her ability to serve our patients and employees by becoming a Registered Nurse through the Nursing Program at Halifax Community College.

Lula will celebrate her third anniversary at Rural Health Group next month and her pay rate is well within the scholarship guidelines. Receiving this scholarship this year would help her work toward her goals.

Without reservation, I recommend Lula to receive the Bernstein scholarship.

Sincerely,

  
Yvonne Long-Gee, RNC, BSN  
Chief Executive Officer

*"To offer the highest quality health care to all in a culturally sensitive, respectful manner with a special emphasis on reaching the underserved."*

*"Ofrecerles a todos atención médica de la más alta calidad con respeto y sensibilidad cultural, poniendo énfasis especialmente en llegar a aquellos que reciben atención médica insuficiente."*

Date: June 09 2021  
 Name: Boone, Lula Renee

SSN: XXX-XX-1920  
 Birth Date: 08 05 1979  
 ID: 0296044

Issued to:  
 Lula R. Boone  
 1811 Roanoke Ave  
 Roanoke Rapids NC 27870

## Curriculum:

Course	Title/Comments	Grd	Repeat	Hrs Att	Hrs Cmpl	Grade Points	Course Dates
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Fall 1998							
ACA-111	College Student Success	A		1.00	1.00	4.00	08/17/98-12/15/98
COM-231**	Public Speaking	A		3.00	3.00	12.00	08/17/98-12/15/98
ENG-095	Reading & Comp Strategies	A*		5.00	5.00	0.00	08/17/98-12/15/98
ENG-095A	Reading & Comp Strat Lab	A*		1.00	1.00	0.00	08/17/98-12/15/98
MAT-060	Essential Mathematics	B*		4.00	4.00	0.00	08/17/98-12/15/98
Term Totals:				14.00	14.00	16.00	GPA = 4.000
Cumulative Totals:				14.00	14.00	16.00	GPA = 4.000
Spring 1999							
ENG-111**	Expository Writing	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	01/11/99-05/17/99
MAT-070	Introductory Algebra	B*		4.00	4.00	0.00	01/11/99-05/17/99
PSY-150**	General Psychology	A		3.00	3.00	12.00	01/11/99-05/17/99
SOC-213**	Sociology of the Family	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	01/11/99-05/17/99
Term Totals:				13.00	13.00	30.00	GPA = 3.333
Cumulative Totals:				27.00	27.00	46.00	GPA = 3.538
Fall 1999							
BIO-168*P	Anatomy and Physiology I	I#		0.00	0.00	0.00	08/16/99-12/17/99
ENG-113**	Literature-Based Research	D#		0.00	0.00	0.00	08/16/99-12/17/99
REL-110**	World Religions	C		3.00	3.00	6.00	08/16/99-12/17/99
SOC-210**	Introduction to Sociology	A		3.00	3.00	12.00	08/16/99-12/17/99
Term Totals:				6.00	6.00	18.00	GPA = 3.000
Cumulative Totals:				33.00	33.00	64.00	GPA = 3.368
Spring 2000							
BIO-168*P	Anatomy an	C		4.00	4.00	8.00	01/04/00-06/28/00
BIO-169*P	Anatomy and Physiology II	F#	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	01/04/00-06/28/00
CIS-110**	Introduction to Computers	D		3.00	3.00	3.00	01/04/00-06/28/00
ECO-251**	Prin of Microeconomics	D		3.00	3.00	3.00	01/04/00-06/28/00
MAT-080	Intermediate Algebra	WD		4.00	0.00	0.00	01/04/00-06/28/00
NAS-101	Nursing Assistant I	B		5.00	5.00	15.00	01/04/00-06/28/00
NAS-103	Home Health Care	B		2.00	2.00	6.00	01/04/00-06/28/00
Term Totals:				21.00	17.00	35.00	GPA = 2.059
Cumulative Totals:				54.00	50.00	99.00	GPA = 2.750
Fall 2000							
ECO-251**	Prin of Microeconomics	WF#	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	08/16/00-12/19/00
ENG-113**	Literature-Based Research	C		3.00	3.00	6.00	08/16/00-12/19/00
MAT-080	Intermediate Algebra	WF#	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	08/16/00-12/19/00
MED-121	Medical Terminology I	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	08/16/00-12/19/00
SOC-220**	Social Problems	C		3.00	3.00	6.00	08/16/00-12/19/00
Term Totals:				9.00	9.00	21.00	GPA = 2.333
Cumulative Totals:				63.00	59.00	120.00	GPA = 2.667

*Dawn M. Veliky*  
 Halifax Community College, Registrar

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Course	Title/Comments	Grd	Repeat	Hrs Att	Hrs Cmpl	Grade Points	Course Dates
Spring 2001							
BIO-169**P	Anatomy and Physiology II	B		4.00	4.00	12.00	01/08/01-05/12/01
HIS-132**	American History II	C		3.00	3.00	6.00	01/08/01-05/12/01
MED-122	Medical Terminology II	C		3.00	3.00	6.00	01/08/01-05/12/01
PSY-281**	Abnormal Psychology	I#		0.00	0.00	0.00	01/08/01-05/12/01
Term Totals:				10.00	10.00	24.00	GPA = 2.400
Cumulative Totals:				73.00	69.00	144.00	GPA = 2.618
Fall 2001							
BIO-111**	General Biology I	D		4.00	4.00	4.00	08/16/01-12/19/01
ENG-233**	Major American Writers	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	08/16/01-12/19/01
HIS-131**	American History I	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	08/16/01-12/19/01
MAT-080	Intermediate Algebra	B*		4.00	4.00	0.00	08/16/01-12/19/01
Term Totals:				14.00	14.00	22.00	GPA = 2.200
Cumulative Totals:				87.00	83.00	166.00	GPA = 2.554
Spring 2002							
ART-111**	Art Appreciation	C		3.00	3.00	6.00	01/09/02-05/13/02
BIO-112**	General Biology II	B		4.00	4.00	12.00	01/09/02-05/13/02
OST-131	Keyboarding	A		2.00	2.00	8.00	01/09/02-05/13/02
PSY-281**	Abnormal Psychology	I#		0.00	0.00	0.00	01/09/02-05/13/02
Term Totals:				9.00	9.00	26.00	GPA = 2.889
Cumulative Totals:				96.00	92.00	192.00	GPA = 2.595
Fall 2002							
BIO-106	Intro to Anat/Phys/Micro	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	08/15/02-12/18/02
NUR-101	Practical Nursing I	C		11.00	11.00	22.00	08/15/02-12/18/02
NUR-117	Pharmacology	D	R	2.00	2.00	2.00	08/15/02-12/18/02
PSY-281**	Abnormal P	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	08/15/02-12/18/02
Term Totals:				19.00	19.00	42.00	GPA = 2.211
Cumulative Totals:				115.00	111.00	234.00	GPA = 2.516
Spring 2003							
ENG-102	Applied Communications II	A		3.00	3.00	12.00	01/08/03-05/15/03
MAT-161**	College Algebra	F#	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	01/08/03-05/15/03
PSY-110	Life Span Development	C		3.00	3.00	6.00	01/08/03-05/15/03
SOC-210**	Introduction to Sociology	WD		3.00	0.00	0.00	01/08/03-05/15/03
Term Totals:				9.00	6.00	18.00	GPA = 3.000
Cumulative Totals:				124.00	117.00	252.00	GPA = 2.545
Fall 2003							
ENG-243**	Major British Writers	I#		0.00	0.00	0.00	08/15/03-12/18/03
HIS-121**	Western Civilization I	D		3.00	3.00	3.00	08/15/03-12/18/03
HUM-122**	Southern Culture	A		3.00	3.00	12.00	08/15/03-12/18/03
MAT-161**	College Algebra	F#	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	08/15/03-12/18/03
NUR-117	Pharmacology	F#	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	08/15/03-12/18/03
Term Totals:				6.00	6.00	15.00	GPA = 2.500
Cumulative Totals:				130.00	123.00	267.00	GPA = 2.543

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Fall 2005							
HUM-120**	Cultural Studies	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	08/19/05-12/15/05
MAT-161**	College Algebra	F#	R	0.00	0.00	0.00	08/19/05-12/15/05
POL-120**	American Government	WD		3.00	0.00	0.00	08/19/05-12/15/05
PSY-241**	Developmental Psych	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	08/19/05-12/15/05
Term Totals:				9.00	6.00	18.00	GPA = 3.000
Cumulative Totals:				139.00	129.00	285.00	GPA = 2.568
Spring 2006							
BIO-175*P	General Microbiology	D		3.00	3.00	3.00	01/09/06-05/09/06
ENG-243**	Major British Writers	A		3.00	3.00	12.00	01/09/06-05/09/06
MAT-161**	College Algebra	C		3.00	3.00	6.00	01/09/06-05/09/06
REL-212**	Intro to New Testament	F		3.00	0.00	0.00	01/09/06-05/09/06
Term Totals:				12.00	9.00	21.00	GPA = 1.750
Cumulative Totals:				151.00	138.00	306.00	GPA = 2.488
Fall 2006							
NUR-101	Practical Nursing I	AU		0.00	0.00	0.00	08/15/06-12/15/06
NUR-117	Pharmacology	C		2.00	2.00	4.00	08/15/06-12/15/06
PED-110*P	Fit and Well for Life	B		2.00	2.00	6.00	08/15/06-12/15/06
SPA-111**	Elementary Spanish I	B		3.00	3.00	9.00	08/15/06-12/15/06
Term Totals:				7.00	7.00	19.00	GPA = 2.714
Cumulative Totals:				156.00	143.00	323.00	GPA = 2.523
Spring 2007							
NUR-102	Practical Nursing II	D	R	12.00	12.00	12.00	01/08/07-05/08/07
Term Totals:				12.00	12.00	12.00	GPA = 1.000
Cumulative Totals:				168.00	155.00	335.00	GPA = 2.393
Spring 2008							
CIS-113	Computer Basics	A		1.00	1.00	4.00	01/08/08-05/05/08
NUR-102	Practical Nursing II	D		12.00	12.00	12.00	01/08/08-05/05/08
Term Totals:				13.00	13.00	16.00	GPA = 1.231
Cumulative Totals:				169.00	156.00	339.00	GPA = 2.404

Pre-Nursing  
 Program Total: Completed Cred : = 64.00 GPA = 2.484  
 Awarded: AA-Associate in Arts on 05/09/2006  
 in Associate in Arts

Note:  
 The courses with double asterisks are UNC Core Hour courses.  
 The courses with \*P are CAA courses (prior to 2014).

END OF TRANSCRIPT

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Continuing Education:

Course	Title/Comments	Grd	Repeat	Contact Hrs	CEU's (if appl)	Course Dates
NUR-3290	Medication Aide	P		24.00	2.40	03/29/10-04/15/10

END OF TRANSCRIPT



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June 11, 2021

Belinda Jones Hill  
821 Monroe Street  
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

**Letter of Recommendation: Lula R. Boone**

Dear Sirs:

With great pleasure, I recommend Lula Boone for a scholarship from your organization. As her former manager of the former Halifax Regional Medical Center, now Vidant North, I am elated that Lula is pursuing her higher educational goals.

Lula is hard working with a diverse background using her nursing assistant training from working on specialized nursing units such as the Birthing Center or the orthopedic unit to becoming a specialist in an outpatient pain clinic. Her willingness to seek new opportunities in professional growth is a testament to her readiness to move forward in her chosen career. I can say without doubt, Lula is deserving candidate for this scholarship.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at 252-678-2249 or [bjoneshill@gmail.com](mailto:bjoneshill@gmail.com)

Sincerely,  
*Belinda*

Belinda Jones-Hill, RN, MHA