

Category	Eligibility Criteria – Guidelines for Applicants
<b>Employees</b>	Center Directors may nominate dedicated clinical (e.g., nurses, lab techs) and non-clinical (billing clerks, receptionists) employees who intend to advance their education and skills related to their work at the health center. <b>Applications are limited to employees who have been working at the health center for at least two years as of May 23, 2025.</b>
<b>Dependents of Employees</b>	Center Directors should nominate dependents of dedicated employees who are eligible for college or other post-secondary programs. <b>Applications limited to dependents where the employee has worked at the health center for at least two years as of May 23, 2025.</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. 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 – <b>must be completed in a single session.</b> <b>The application cannot be saved and resumed later.</b></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> <p>Documents can be uploaded into the application or emailed to <a href="mailto:nel.edwards@foundationhli.org">nel.edwards@foundationhli.org</a></p>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	May 23, 2025 Application Link: <a href="#">2025-26 Jim &amp; Sue Bernstein Scholarship Application</a>