

WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE:

To further the cause of professional public health practice in West Virginia.

ELIGIBILITY:

Scholarship assistance is available to anyone demonstrating potential to fulfill the stated purpose of WVPHA scholarship fund by:

- Pursuit of graduate or undergraduate degree in a health related field in a accredited educational program, and
- Maintaining a “B” average or better in a graduate program or a “C” average or better in an undergraduate program; or
- Pursuit of an approved certificate or course directly related to improvement of job skills or any approved continuing education program designed to enhance professional development or career mobility.

USE OF FUNDS:

Funds are only to be used for tuition, fees, or books.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The following criteria shall be used to select the recipient of a scholarship:

- Evidence that the reason for requesting the scholarship meets the stated purpose of the WVPHA Scholarship Program
- Evidence of need
- Other types of support
- Accreditation or appropriateness of educational program

DOCUMENTATION:

The following documentation must be submitted with application:

- Proof of enrollment in degree program.
- Evidence of Employer’s permission for continuing education or professional development course.
- Completed application form.

DEADLINE:

For 2009, all applications for scholarship assistance must be received by August 1, 2009.

AMOUNT OF AWARD:

For 2009, at least two \$500 dollar scholarships will be awarded.

AWARD PROCESS:

Following is the process that will be followed to determine the scholarship recipients:

- A special REVIEW COMMITTEE consisting of five (5) members in good standing from WVPHA will be appointed to evaluate scholarship applications.
- For 2009, final approval for Scholarship awards will be made by the WVPHA Executive Council before its' annual conference.
- Notification of award will be made at that time.

PAY BACK PROVISION:

Scholarship recipients will be required to return all scholarship funds awarded if:

- The recipient fails to maintain grades as specified above.
- The recipient drops out of the educational program prior to completion.
- The recipient stops working in West Virginia within one (1) year of completion of the educational program.