

## JAMES J. AND MAMIE R. PERKINS HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

The James J. and Mamie R. Perkins Health Professions Scholarships, established in 1990, are annual scholarships that are awarded to two graduating seniors of Pitt County Schools who are planning to major in a medically related field at East Carolina University or at Pitt Community College. One of the two scholarships will be available at East Carolina University renewable for four years when conditions for renewal are met. The second of the two scholarships will be at Pitt Community College renewable for two years when conditions outlined for renewal are met. The scholarship amount will vary from year to year, depending on tuition increases. Awards will be paid directly to the two institutions in the recipients' names. The scholarships are awarded on the following criteria:

1. The student must be accepted for admission at the institution (East Carolina University or Pitt Community College) through which they are seeking the scholarship.
2. The student must plan a medically related field. Should the student change into a field that is not specifically listed as an eligible area, the scholarship shall be forfeited and the student will be expected to repay any sums advanced.
3. Student applicant must be a graduate of a high school in Pitt County.

Financial need shall be a consideration. Student scholarship applicants should have exemplary academic records. They should show an interest in service by their school and community activities. Examples of positive leadership will carry substantial weight. A primary consideration, however, must be an evident dedication to a medically related profession.

The selection committee will be composed of representatives from Pitt Community College, Vidant Medical Center, East Carolina University College of Nursing, East Carolina University College of Allied Health, Perkins Distribution Committee, and Pitt County Educational Foundation.

It shall be the responsibility of the Pitt County Educational Foundation to initiate the application process each year. The Executive Director of the organization shall send out the application and information to all of the county high schools each year. Applications must be returned to the Foundation Office by a date to be announced. The students will be selected by May 15 of each year. The selection committee may choose to narrow the field of applicants to the top candidates and interview those top candidates individually before making their final decision. The committee may also choose to interview all applicants.