

THE TN AHEC SCHOLARS PROGRAM



The TN AHEC Scholars Program aims to improve the diversity, distribution and skills of health professionals across Tennessee by preparing students who are interested in career in a variety of health professions for effective work in the currently transforming health care delivery system.

The AHEC Scholars Program will provide students with 40 hours of team-based, clinical training and 40 hours of didactic education each year, for two years. AHEC Scholars will receive training and develop skills in:

- Patient-centered health care and practice transformation
- Interprofessional education to support patient-centered care
- Cultural competence
- Recognizing the impact of social determinants of health
- Behavioral health integration
- Addressing currently emerging health issues

During their training, Scholars will work with health professionals and students from different disciplines; together, Scholars, along with their mentors, will form an invaluable community of colleagues for career advancement, networking, consultation and referral.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

TN AHEC Scholar must:

- Be entering the final two years of an accredited, health professions education or training program in Tennessee (including medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant, and behavioral health). Medical students are eligible to enroll in years 1-3.
- Be in good academic standing in an accredited, health professions education or training program;
- Have reliable transportation;
- Be eligible to work in the United States; and
- May be asked to participate in an in-person or phone interview

REQUIREMENTS

Each TN AHEC Scholar will:

- Complete 40 hours of didactic training during each year of the two-year Scholars program;
- Complete 40 hours of clinical or experiential training in a rural or medically underserved area during each of their two years as a Scholar.

BENEFITS/OUTCOMES

- *Scholars will receive a \$500 Participation Award upon completion of Year 1 requirements and an additional \$500 Participation Award upon completion of Year 2 requirements.*
- Scholar will have opportunities to participate in training programs designed for CHS staff providers.
- Scholars will receive a Certificate of Completion of the program, a unique training opportunity that will set the health care trainee apart in an increasingly competitive work environment.
- Scholars will receive, if interested, information about Loan Repayment Programs.
- Scholars will become part of a network of current and future leaders in health care.

LANGUAGES

Do you speak any language(s) other than English? Yes No

If yes, what language(s)? _____

PART 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

COLLEGE EDUCATION

College/University you are attending Anticipated Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)

City State Start date of 2018 Academic Year (MM/DD)

CURRENT CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA): _____

DISCIPLINE/PROGRAM ENROLLED

- Medicine (MD/DO) Psychology Dentistry
- Physician Assistant Social Work Allied Health*
- Nursing Pharmacy
- Other (Please specify specialty) _____

*Specify specialty: _____

PART 3: FAMILY/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Are you the first generation in your family to attend college? Yes No

PART 4: INTEREST INFORMATION

How did you learn about the TN AHEC Scholars Program?

Have you previously participated in any health professions, academic or career enhancement programs? Yes No (For example: summer camps, conferences, tours, academic enrichment programs, etc.) If yes, state the program name, and the dates attended:

Indicate if you have participated in any of the below academic or career enhancement programs:

- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- The Meharry HBCU Wellness Project
- Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)
- Centers of Excellence
- Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students
- Other (please specify) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

Please describe how the AHEC Scholars Program might help you fulfill your academic and/or career goals.

PART 5: LETTER OF REFERENCE

A letter of reference may be required. Upon submission of your application, as described below, you will receive further information about this component.

If you are asked to submit a Letter of Reference, please download the Letter of Reference form (<https://www.cherokeehealth.com/professional-training/area-health-education-centers-ahec>) and submit a completed Letter from your academic training director or major professor describing your academic standing. Please also provide contact information below.

Academic Training Director/Major Professor

Name

Title/Position

Phone Number

Email Address

SUBMITTING APPLICATION

To apply in East Tennessee, submit completed application by email to Laura Porter, PhD, at Laura.Porter@cherokeehealth.com.

To apply on West Tennessee, submit completed application by email to Valencia Morman-Nelson at Valencia.Morman-Nelson@cherokeehealth.com.