

## **Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship**

Pender High School and Heide Trask Senior High School

A. **General Qualifications** – Must be a Pender High School or Heide Trask Senior High School senior, who plans to continue his/her education after high school graduation. The applicant must demonstrate superior scholarship, leadership, community service, and good work ethics.

### **B. Specific Requirements**

1. **Scholarship.** Student should have a grade point average of 3.5 or better and should exhibit, based on grades, class rank, college admission tests, academic awards, or other evidence – a record of superior scholarship.
2. **Leadership.** Student should be able to demonstrate leadership in academic, extracurricular, community, or work activities.
3. **Community Service.** Student should demonstrate citizenship in the community through service activities or projects.
4. **Work Ethics.** Student should provide evidence of good work ethics in the form of paid work experience, volunteer or paid internship experience, or volunteer work experience.
5. **Essay.** Applicant shall submit an essay of 400 words or less on the following topic: *Important lessons I learned about success in life or business from my own work experience, internship experience, or volunteer work experience.*
6. **References.** Applications must include two letters of reference – one from a teacher and one from a person familiar with the applicant's work, internship, or community service experience.
7. **General.** Complete applications consist of a completed application form, a sealed high school transcript, the two letters of reference, and the essay (must be typed). Return the application package to Joyce Keith at the Pender County Board of Education, 925 Penderlea Highway, Burgaw, NC 28425. **Applications must be received by May 7, 2008.**

### **C. Award, Criteria, and Procedure**

1. **Amount.** This scholarship program is designed to award one scholarship of \$500 to one senior from each high school in the Chamber's membership area (Pender and Heide Trask High Schools). The scholarship is a one-time grant to be applied to the educational expenses at an accredited college, university, or community college. The scholarship shall not be awarded in the event that the scholarship review committee concludes that no applicant in a given year has demonstrated sufficiently strong qualifications to justify an award.
2. **Criteria.** The scholarship shall be awarded based on the best record of scholarship, leadership, community service, and work-related experience submitted by the applicants, as well as references and response on the essay.
3. **Review and Award.** Applications will be reviewed by an appointed committee. The scholarship recipient will be announced during each school's senior awards assembly.

