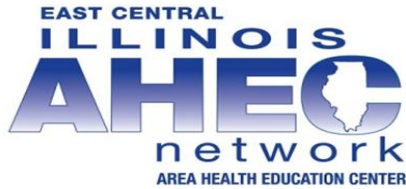


2017 Future Health Care Hero Award

The East Central Illinois Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is accepting applications for \$500 Future Healthcare Hero awards for students from one of the following counties: *Kankakee, Livingston, Ford, Iroquois, Champaign, Vermilion, Douglas, Edgar, Coles, Cumberland, and Clark.*

The East Central IL AHEC's mission is to improve health care for the underserved by increasing access to learning and professional development opportunities for health professionals, promoting health careers development to students, and enhancing collaborative, community-based health promotion activities.

- Applicants must:
 - Be pursuing entry into or already enrolled in any health science program for the 2017 Fall semester
 - Intend to practice in a rural setting upon completion of program
 - Have at least a 3.0 GPA
- Priority will be given to applicants who have participated in any East Central IL AHEC activities, or for applicants who commit to participating in an AHEC related activity within 6 months of receiving award. Examples of activities include job shadowing experiences, health career presentations, and participation in community education events. For more information, contact the program office or visit our website at <http://ahec.rockford.uic.edu/ecilahec/> and the East Central Illinois AHEC Facebook page.



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To apply, please submit the following documentation:

- A completed and signed **application** (attached)
- Current **high school** or **college transcript**
- **Two letters of recommendation** (on organizational letterhead)
- **Letter of acceptance** or **class schedule** of college applicant is enrolled in
- A typed listing of:
 - **Post-secondary schools** (college, vocational, or career center) you have attended and number of credits earned
 - **Honors and/or Awards** you received and the year you received them
 - **Clubs and/or Organizations** you currently belong to
 - **Job Shadowing Experiences** (health career related) you have participated in
 - **Volunteer Activities** and/or **Employment** you have completed in the past 2 years
- A typed, 1 page **personal statement** that provides a personal profile of yourself that includes:
 - Why should you receive this award
 - What your professional goals are
 - How you will contribute to your chosen profession
 - How you intend to practice in a rural community
 - How you will impact that rural community
 - How this award will help you attain your goals

Applications will not be considered if all documents are not received by the deadline.

If questions, please contact Eileen Woolums at 217 – 784 – 4093 or email

Eileen.Woolums@gibsonhospital.org

Awards to be credited toward expenses such as training materials, housing, travel, etc. that are necessary for the training experience.

Please submit the required documentation to:

East Central Illinois AHEC -Eileen Woolums, Director

126 E 9th Street - Gibson City, IL 60936



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Full Name:	DOB:	Gender:
Home Address: City & Zip:	County:	
Email Address:	Phone Number:	
AHEC Activities you have participated in		
If you have not participated in any AHEC Activities, will you commit to participating in one within 6 months of receiving award? Yes No		

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

I, authorize release of any information that can be of assistance to the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in evaluation of my Future Healthcare Hero Award application. I waive any confidentiality with respect to such information insofar as AHEC is concerned, since it is my understanding that the information will be used solely for the evaluation of my application for the Future Healthcare Hero Award and for no other purpose. I also consent to have any written communication, beyond this application, but related to the award, published on the website and Facebook pages. I also consent to allow my picture to be published on the website and Facebook pages.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ Date : _____

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**Deadline for submitting application and all required documents is 4 PM on
Monday, March 13th, 2017.**