

## **Buchanan County Board of Supervisors Scholarship Policy:**

In order to more fairly and efficiently consider and award Buchanan County Board of Supervisor partial scholarships (not to exceed one-half [1/2] tuition) to students accepted to or attending the Appalachian School of Law (ASL) or the Appalachian College of Pharmacy (ACP), the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors (Board) hereby adopts the following policy:

1. Graduates of Buchanan County's public and private secondary school system, who are residents (as defined below) of Buchanan County at the time of application to ASL and continue to reside in the county, shall be eligible for and have first priority for partial Board scholarships.
2. Any remaining partial scholarships may be awarded to applicants who are native born to Buchanan County or who have been a resident (as defined below) in Buchanan County for at least five (5) years prior to the date of request and demonstrate financial need based upon criteria developed by ASL or ACP.

"Resident" for the purpose of the award of Board partial scholarships means a student at ASL who, at the time of application for admission to the school, was a legal resident of Buchanan County. Resident status will not apply to persons who were not legal residents at the time of his or her application to ASL or ACP, irrespective of any subsequent change in his or her legal residency based upon property ownership, voter registration, driver's licensure or any other indicia of legal residence. The fact that a legal resident of, 'the County was, in the period immediately prior to application to ASL, enrolled at a college or university outside of Buchanan County does not, in itself, make that person ineligible. "Native born" means that the applicant can through documentation demonstrate that he or she was physically born within the boundaries of Buchanan County, Virginia.

## **Appalachian College of Pharmacy Scholarship Policy:**

The Appalachian College of Pharmacy (ACP) has established a Buchanan County Board of Supervisors tuition waiver program whereby the Board may award up to \$70,000.00 in tuition waivers (not to exceed \$10,000.00 per student) in any given scholastic year, with no carry over. These waivers shall be awarded in the form of loans. All loan repayments shall be paid to the University of Appalachia to fund and maintain the University's general scholarship programs.

The same, criteria for ASL students to qualify for scholarships shall apply to Appalachian College of Pharmacy students for loans.

Students or applicants who believe themselves qualified for a Board scholarship or loan shall first apply, in writing, to the Director of Student Services at ASL or ACP. A committee comprised of the Director, the Financial Aid Officer and the Dean (or dean's designate) of the respective institution shall determine eligibility of the applicants and will forward a list of recommended students to the Board.

No applicant or student shall be eligible for the aforesaid scholarships or loans if he or she has outstanding obligations to Buchanan County or the Commonwealth of Virginia, including but not limited to, real estate or personal property taxes, child support arrearages, criminal fines and penalties or similar liens. A certificate from the Buchanan County Circuit Court Clerk's office and the Buchanan County Treasurer's office that no such liens or taxes exist upon a review of public records for the preceding twenty years must accompany any request for assistance made to ASL or Appalachian College of Pharmacy for Board scholarships or loans. Applications made directly to the Board or its personnel without having first proceeding as herein above set forth will not be considered.