



## Community Health Worker Scholarship Application

The Butler County Family and Children First Council has partnered with Butler County PRIM (Partnership to Reduce Infant Mortality), and the Ohio Institute for Equity in Birth Outcomes to provide 15 full scholarships to train those who live and work in Butler County to become a certified Community Health Worker (CHW) to assist in working toward the reduction of infant mortality in our community. Cincinnati State Technical & Community College Middletown will provide the CHW training over two semesters.

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are trained advocates in communities where they are connected by culture, language, or residence. They empower individuals to gain access to health and community resources through education, outreach, home visits, mentoring, and referrals. CHWs will work with pregnant and postpartum mothers in varied settings, including community-based health, social service agencies, and home visitation programs. CHWs are trained in interviewing, collecting data, obtaining vital signs, mentoring, providing client advocacy, providing referrals to community resources, care coordination, promoting basic health, and working with culturally diverse clients and community organizations.

Selected scholarship recipients will receive fully paid tuition (for 13 credit hours) and free books.

### **Scholarship Guidelines**

Preference will be given to applicants with diverse experiences who have worked or volunteered with moms or families in the Butler County communities who have experienced high rates of infant mortality. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who show a commitment to working in Butler County post-graduation. Additionally applicants must meet these minimum requirements:

- Applicants must live or work in Butler County, Ohio.
- Applicants must be a high school graduate or have obtained a GED.
- Applicants must be committed to completing their coursework and obtaining CHW certification by December 31, 2019.

### **The completed scholarship application is due by on Friday, February 1, 2019 by 12pm.**

Applications can be emailed to [beth.race@bcesc.org](mailto:beth.race@bcesc.org) or delivered to the Butler County Family and Children First Council at the BCESC, 400 N. Erie Blvd., Suite A, Hamilton, OH 45011. Once application is received, it will be reviewed by a scholarship committee and you may be asked to complete an interview for additional information.

Questions can be directed to Beth Race at 513-887-5534 work or 513-240-6253 cell.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any other languages other than English? \_\_\_\_\_

Education-level: HS Diploma/GED    Some College    College Degree

I am a Butler County Resident: Yes    No

I work in Butler County: Yes    No

I am available to take evening classes at Cincinnati State Middletown: Yes    No

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach a narrative (no more than 2 pages) which responds to all of the following questions:**

1. Why are you interested in becoming a community health worker?
2. Tell us about your educational, work and life experiences and how they will help you in the Community Health Worker field, specifically working to help reduce infant mortality in our community.
3. When you are placed in a CHW position after graduation, what setting would you like to work with pregnant and postnatal mothers (community-based health, social service agencies and/or home visitation programs)? Why?
4. What experience do you have working in the community and working with low-income and diverse families?

Please submit application and narrative of no more than two pages that addresses the questions above. **Deadline for submission is Friday, February 1, 2019 by 12pm.** Questions may be directed to: Family and Children First Director, Beth Race at [beth.race@bcesc.org](mailto:beth.race@bcesc.org) or 513-887-5534 work/513-240-6253 cell.