## MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL HEALTH SYSTEMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT POLICY

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of Mitchell County Hospital Health System to offer scholarships to individuals who desire to obtain and/or increase their education in a health related profession. It is the intent of the scholarship program to provide funds to individuals who can fill a critical need as determined by the hospital **under the terms of the Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems' Scholarship Agreement.** Scholarship shall be defined as an educational loan that has the potential to be forgiven for future employment (see the Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems' Scholarship Agreement).

Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, sex, age or disability provided they meet the requirement of their profession and the program in which they are/or will be enrolled. Preference however, will be given to the following categories:

- 1. employees of Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems;
- 2. applicants who live within the area served by Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems;
- 3. applicants who have been accepted by an accredited college/school.

The availability of a scholarship will be announced to hospital staff and advertised in the community in order to provide an opportunity for interested individuals to apply.