

# Physical Education-Coaching Scholarship/Loan Program (PEC) INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS 2008-2009

**PLEASE READ ALL THE INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THE PEC APPLICATION.**

*Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will not be considered.*

This program was established by the 2005 General Assembly to provide scholarship-loans to students who are pursuing college degrees to become public school teachers and coaches or assistant coaches in rural or high needs areas of the state upon graduation. Recipients will enroll in a curriculum that advances skills in physical education and coaching and that instills a strong motivation not only to remain in the coaching profession but to provide leadership in the schools where they coach.

## **Awards**

- ◆ **25 awards valued at \$4,000** each will be made to full-time college juniors or seniors in teacher education programs. Preference will be given to those who are seeking licensure in physical education. Students who receive their first award as juniors may renew the scholarship/loan for their senior year of study.

## **Eligibility**

To be considered for a Physical Education-Coaching award, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a resident of North Carolina for tuition purposes.
2. Have earned a minimum 2.8 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (GPA's are not rounded).
3. Be a college junior or senior enrolled as a full-time student in an approved teacher education program in North Carolina. Preference will be given to those seeking licensure in physical education.
4. Within five years of graduation, be willing to teach and coach on a full-time basis in a North Carolina public school, one year for each year of funding received. Recipients who do not fulfill the required teaching and coaching obligation must repay the loan plus interest of 10%.

## **Application Deadline**

- ◆ **June 1** is the deadline by which applications must be submitted to the School of Education or teacher education department at your college or university.

## **Application, Selection, and Notification Process**

From the applications submitted, the dean of education or his/her designee will nominate six candidates to the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority, who will make the final selection.

After recipients are selected, all nominees will receive letters advising them of their application status. Selected candidates will receive promissory notes which detail the repayment/cancellation provisions. Within 10 days of receipt of a completed and valid promissory note, SEAA will mail funds to the financial aid office at the college/university for crediting to your student account. Please note that receipt of these funds may affect your financial aid award if you have other aid; please consult with your financial aid office to learn whether this award would affect your other aid.

## **Questions**

For further information regarding the Physical Education-Coaching Scholarship/Loan Program, please visit our web site at [www.CFNC.org/PEC](http://www.CFNC.org/PEC). Questions also may be directed to the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority at (800) 700-1775, option 1 (toll-free) or (919) 549-8614 (local to the Raleigh-Durham area).



