Kenneth E. and Jewel Clemmons Swain

Swain Scholars Program 2023

Conway Medical Center
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Interested applicants should contact Sharon Thompson, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Public Health, in the Conway Medical Center College of Health and Human Performance at: thompson@coastal.edu or 843-349-2635.
The Charitable Gift

As a part of a major gift to Coastal Carolina University from the late Kenneth E. Swain of Myrtle Beach, an endowment was established to support a unique scholarship program for students studying health science. The Kenneth E. and Jewel Clemmons Swain Scholars program was established at an opportune time. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease, stroke, cancer, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and arthritis are the most common, costly, and preventable of all health problems. Half of all adults in the United States have at least one chronic condition. This demonstrates the need for further research and work in this field.

About the Program

Students selected as Swain Scholars receive scholarships up to $5000 per year based upon academic and financial criteria. Each year, up to seven students are selected through a competitive process, including a faculty committee interview, and serve as Swain Scholars for a maximum of four semesters. Students selected to be Swain Scholars work with Coastal Carolina University faculty to research health-related issues and implement community health programs.

Program Requirements

Swain Scholars work to improve the health of the community. Students in the program take a total of six credit hours during their junior and senior years (one credit each fall and two credits each spring – SWNS 301, 302, 401, 402). The students plan health outreach programs, conduct health science research, and become involved in the community through implementation of these programs. To maintain status as a Swain Scholar, all students must earn a “B” average or higher in SWNS 301, 302, 401, and 402, maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher, uphold the Coastal Carolina University Honor Code, the Coastal Carolina University Code of Student Conduct as well and the Swain Scholars Behavioral Conduct Guidelines.

Application Deadline: February 23, 2023

Students interested in becoming a Swain Scholar must:

- Have two additional years prior to graduation from Coastal Carolina University (approximately 60 credits remaining) and a major in one of the following: Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Exercise and Sport Science, Public Health, or Psychology.
- Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Submit the Swain Scholars Program Application electronically to thompson@coastal.edu along with the following:
  - A brief resume
  - Your academic transcript
  - An emailed or hard copy recommendation letter from a faculty member who can provide insight on your leadership qualities, academic work, and professionalism
  - A personal statement describing your interest in community health efforts, previous involvement with community health, future plans in the health science/prevention/advocacy area, and why you should be chosen as a Swain Scholar.

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