



November 2023

To: **Sr. Counselors, public high schools in the following counties:  
Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Rutherford & Yancey;  
and the NC School of Science and Mathematics**

From: CFWNC Scholarship Officer

Re: **2024 Nathaniel Ellis Cannady, Jr. Scholarship –  
*Important Information and Instructions***

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina is pleased to once again offer the Nathaniel Ellis Cannady, Jr. Scholarship. This award was established in 2011 by Mr. Cannady in order to help local students who wish to pursue a career in the engineering or construction industry. The program made its first awards in 2013.

The scholarship is available to public high school seniors in Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Rutherford and Yancey counties, as well as to graduating seniors with legal residence in those counties who are currently attending the NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM). Those students should apply through NCSSM.

In 2024, the Cannady scholarship is offering one (1) renewable awards of up to \$5,000 a year each, for a possible total of \$20,000 per award.

Students must apply online and submit their applications by January 22, 2024, latest. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Your school committee should then evaluate these applications and select one (1) to submit to CFWNC to compete for this award. **Your submission also must be done online using the form provided and submitted to us by 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2024, latest.**

As stated on the online eligibility webpage for this program, the desired applicant qualities are academic ability/achievement, as determined by a minimum of 3.0 weighted GPA, good performance on standardized tests, and a class rank in the top 30%, with preference given to students with demonstrated financial need.

Application evaluations will be conducted throughout March. Students selected as finalists by the committee will be invited to interview in April. The chosen recipients will be submitted to

CFWNC for approval. Once the scholarship determinations are finalized by The Community Foundation, forms will be provided to all recipients to request award payments.

Please note that semi-finalists for the Cannady scholarship will not automatically be eligible for other scholarship programs of The Community Foundation, although applicants are welcome to submit a separate application for those programs.

All CFWNC scholarships are competitive, and recipients, semi-finalists, or finalists may not be pre-selected. All interested and eligible students MUST be provided with applications and permitted to apply for CFWNC scholarships. Selection must occur objectively, by a committee of at least three people, at every level of the process.

We are very pleased to administer the Nathaniel Ellis Cannady, Jr. Scholarship and look forward to announcing the recipients. Thank you for your invaluable help in this selection process.

If you need further information or have any questions, please contact CFWNC:

Lezette Parks  
Scholarship Officer  
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina  
[parks@cfwnc.org](mailto:parks@cfwnc.org)  
[www.cfwnc.org](http://www.cfwnc.org)