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To: **Sr. Counselors, Buncombe and Madison counties public high schools;
the NC School of Science and Mathematics; the UNC School of the Arts High School**
From: CFWNC Scholarship Officer
Re: **2024 Irving Jacob Reuter Award –
*Important Information and Instructions***

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina is pleased to once again be able to offer the Irving Jacob Reuter Award, originally established by the Janirve Foundation.

The scholarship is available to public high school seniors in Buncombe and Madison 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) /and the UNC School of the Arts High School (UNCSA). Those students should apply through NCSSM and UNCSA, respectively.

In 2024, the Reuter scholarship is offering one (1) renewable award worth \$15,000 a year, for a possible total of \$60,000 over four years.

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 two (2) 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 superior academic ability/achievement, demonstrable community service and leadership qualities. Please note that this is strictly a merit award program, and financial need will **not** be considered.

Application evaluations will be conducted throughout February. Students selected as finalists by the committee will be invited to interview in March or 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 Reuter award 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 Irving Jacob Reuter Award 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:

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