



November 2023

To: **Sr. Counselors, Buncombe County public and private high schools;
NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM);
UNC School of the Arts High School (UNCSA)**
From: CFWNC Scholarship Officer
Re: **2024 Rotary Club of Asheville Harry R. Morrill Scholarship**

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC) is pleased to offer the Rotary Club of Asheville Harry R. Morrill Scholarship, available to graduating seniors from public and private high schools in Buncombe County. This includes graduating seniors with permanent homes in Buncombe County who are currently attending the NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) or the UNC School of the Arts High School (UNCSA). **All interested, qualifying students should apply online via our website.** In 2024, we expect to offer up to five (5) one-time awards, each worth up to \$5,000.

The *Desired Applicant Qualities*, in order of importance, include: superior academic achievement/potential and a desire to learn; demonstrated leadership qualities; community service, extracurricular activities and/or work experience; and a positive personal outlook. Please note that this is strictly a merit award program, and financial need will **not** be considered.

The student deadline to submit completed applications online is January 22, 2024 latest. **The deadline for CFWNC to receive your school committee's semi-finalist nominations is by 5:00 PM on February 9, 2024.** Semi-finalist evaluations will be conducted by a Community Foundation committee during February and March. Finalists selected will be notified, and asked to interview in April. The chosen recipients will be submitted to CFWNC for approval, after which award and regret emails will be sent to all finalists.

Each Buncombe County public and private high school may submit up to two (2) candidates for the Rotary Club of Asheville Harry R. Morrill Scholarship. In addition, NCSSM and UNCSA may each submit up to two (2) candidates who have legal residence in Buncombe County. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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

IMPORTANT NOTE: All CFWNC scholarships are **competitive**, and recipients, semi-finalists, or finalists may not be pre-selected. All interested students **MUST** be provided with the opportunity 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 Rotary Club of Asheville Harry R. Morrill Scholarship. As always, 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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