



SCHOOL COUNSELOR INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR CFWNC SCHOLARSHIPS

Please take note of our contact information:

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ALL OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS ARE NOW ONLINE. YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION AND MATERIALS ON ALL PROGRAMS VIA OUR WEBSITE.

Deadlines vary by program; please consult our Scholarship Deadlines webpage to determine when completed applications are due.

However, the majority of our programs have a student deadline around January 22, 2024. (If your school has had weather-related closings, please contact me directly.) For these programs, the counselor/school deadline for when your selections must be received by CFWNC is no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 9, 2024. If your school calendar makes this impossible, call the Scholarship Officer at 828-367-9909 and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. In case of inclement weather, call for deadline extensions.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO GRANT DEADLINE EXTENSIONS GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WE RUN, SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLAN AHEAD AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS BY THE STATED DEADLINE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Selection process

Each CFWNC scholarship has its own criteria, included on each program's eligibility webpage.

Important! Please Note: For scholarships involving selection at the school level, a committee of at least three (3) people is **required** to make those selections, and an online **Counselor Form** built into the application from a counselor or committee representative **MUST** be submitted for each selection. The forms are built into the evaluation form via the Smarter Select System. For scholarships that do not require a school committee, no additional forms are required. Those programs are also listed below. Note, too, that students may apply to or be submitted for more than one program.

Timetable and Award Announcements

Committees coordinated by CFWNC will review applications and conduct interviews in March and April. **Awards will not be announced until CFWNC approves all committee recommendations. We will make every attempt to complete this process by the first week in May.** CFWNC will forward announcements to each participating counselor within one week of approval. In addition, CFWNC will send letters/emails of award with forms requesting payment information to each recipient and emails of regret to those students not selected as recipients. **Please do not announce ANY of our awards until you receive written confirmation.**

General Information / Changes

- Scholarship materials are accessible online via the Smarter Select system. First visit our website, and you and your students will find the necessary links to navigate the online process. Instructions will be available for review. We think you will find Smarter Select intuitive and user-friendly, but please rest assured that we are here to help if you need us. The Scholarship Officer continues to be your contact regarding scholarship program specifics, criteria and processes; email parks@cfwnc.org or call 828-367-9909. For technical assistance, you may contact our Program Associate, Amber Harrelson, at harrelson@cfwnc.org or 828-367-9916 or the Scholarship Officer.
- As usual, the number and/or size of awards has changed for many of the programs active in 2024. Please refer to the Scholarship Programs and Eligibility Requirements webpage and the individual program's eligibility webpage for current information.
- Students are **required** to provide a financial snapshot on the application. Students **must also** file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to document financial need, **within approximately one (1) month of the student deadline.** This is because applicants may be asked to provide their Student Aid Report (SAR) to CFWNC upon request.
- The 18-county region we primarily serve is bordered on the east by Avery, Burke, and Rutherford counties. Please note, however, that we do have some programs that fall outside of or which extend beyond those counties. Again, we urge you to read the eligibility criteria of each program for more specific details.
- Lastly, please note that the following CFWNC programs will NOT be making a new award this year.
 - *Frank and Alan Bruckner Scholarship*

Important: Detailed Instructions Follow – please keep reading! **SPECIFIC PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS**

Please remember that for awards where school committees are selecting “semifinalists” or “finalists” another round of competition will occur to

determine the recipients. School nominees have not yet won. CFWNC must approve all awards before they are announced. Please do not announce any scholarships from The Community Foundation unless you receive written award confirmation from CFWNC.

Scholarship semifinalists/finalists nominated by school committee. Please complete an online Transmittal Form for each selected application.

- **Nathaniel Ellis Cannady, Jr. Scholarship** – each public high school in Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Rutherford and Yancey counties is eligible to select and submit one (1) semifinalist. ***Please see Counselor Instructions on our website specific to this scholarship program.***
- **Harry W. Clarke Memorial Scholarships** – each public high school in the western 29 NC counties may select and submit one (1) finalist who will attend a four-year college or university to compete for the **Harry W. Clarke Award**, and one (1) finalist who will attend a two-year community college to compete for the **William A. Hart Award**.
- **Chuck D. Hargrove Memorial Scholarship** – Tuscola High School only. Please select and submit up to three (3) finalists.
- **Yates L. & Louise D. Holland Scholarship** – Eastern Randolph High School & East Rutherford High School only. Each high school must select and submit one (1) semifinalist.
- **Marilyn Lester and William Lester Scholarship** – Asheville High School/SILSA only. Please select and submit up to six (6) finalists (3 from SILSA and 3 from AHS).
- **Charles C. and Suzanne R. McKinney Scholarship** – Mitchell High School only. Please select and submit up to eight (8) finalists.
- **Gene & Lee Meyer Scholarship** – available to graduating public high school seniors from Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties and the Qualla Boundary only. Preference for Native American students and children in foster care. Each school may select and submit up to two (2) finalists.
- **Irving Jacob Reuter Award** – each public high school in Buncombe and Madison counties are eligible to select and submit up to two (2) semifinalists. ***Please see Counselor Instructions on our website specific to this scholarship program.***
- **Murice C. Talley Memorial Scholarship** - available to graduating seniors from Avery County's Crossnore Academy, Burke County's East Burke and Freedom high schools, and the NC School for the Deaf at Morganton. Each school may select and submit up to two (2) finalists.
- **Rotary Club of Asheville Harry R. Morrill Scholarship** – each public and private high school in Buncombe County is eligible to select and submit up to two (2) semifinalists. ***Please see Counselor Instructions on our website specific to this scholarship program.***
- **Rotary Club of Asheville-West / Warren Bogue Memorial Scholarship** – Enka High School only. Select and submit up to three (3) finalists.
- **Rotary Club of Asheville-West / John Maggard Memorial Scholarship** – Clyde A. Erwin High School only. Select and submit up to three (3) finalists.
- **WNC Regional Scholarships (Community Foundation Fund for Scholarships, Nelle Crowell Fletcher & G.L. Crowell Fund, Newton Academy-Forster/Stevens Scholarship Fund, Lucius Lanier Memorial Scholarship Fund, Frances M. Miller Charitable Fund, Clyde & Mildred Wright**

Endowment Fund, and Adelaide C. McKelvey Scholarship Fund) – each public high school in the western 18 NC counties may select and submit one (1) semifinalist.

Scholarship recipients nominated by school committee. Please complete an online Transmittal Form for each selected application.

- **Cal and Carol Peddy Memorial Scholarship** – Mountain Heritage High School only. Select and submit one (1) recipient.
- **Elda C. Penny – Graham County Woman’s Club Scholarship** – Robbinsville High School & past recipients only. Select and submit one (1) recipient.
- **Leon C. and Grace E. Luther Scholarship** – Avery County High School, STEM School or Blue Ridge Academy, only. Select and submit one (1) recipient.
- **Mary Helen Clement Scholarship** – Smoky Mountain High School only. Select and submit two (2) recipients.
- **Powers Scholarship for Avery County Schools** – Avery County High School, STEM School or Blue Ridge Academy, only. Select and submit one (1) recipient.

Scholarship recipients nominated by CFWNC committees. No Transmittal Forms required – CFWNC will consider all qualifying applications submitted.

- **Asheville Wilbert Vault Service Scholarship** – students pursuing a course of study related to and leading to employment in the funeral service industry, only.
- **Asheville Young Woman Leadership Award** – High school junior women who reside in Buncombe County and attend a public or private school in Buncombe County, NCSSM, NCSA.
- **William Bradley Ayers Memorial Scholarship** – Asheville High School seniors, only.
- **John Francis Amherst Cecil Scholarship** – dependents of Biltmore employees, only.
- **Chattooga Club Employee Scholarship** – employees of the Club, only.
- **Mike Davis Team Spirit Award** – Freedom High School only.
- **Captain John G. Gardner, USMC, Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Scholarship** – public and private high school seniors in 18 westernmost NC counties, only.
- **R. Walker Geitner III Memorial Scholarship** – Asheville High School/SILSA & past recipients only.
- **Martha Guy Educational Fund Scholarship** – Avery County residents only.
- **Heffington Scholarship** – Residents of Cashiers and Highlands communities & past recipients, only.
- **A. Joe Hemphill, Jr. Scholarship** – public high school seniors from Charles D. Owen, Madison and McDowell high schools, only.
- **Walter “Pop” Jarvis Scholarship** – Avery County High School seniors, only.
- **Dr. Brian Ling Memorial Scholarship** – Buncombe County public and private high school seniors, only.
- **North Carolina Epsilon Memorial Scholarship** – North Buncombe High school seniors, only.
- **Reichman Scholarship** – Andrews High School seniors, only.
- **Roger W. Morrison Scholarship** – employees, spouses of employees, and children of employees of Pathologist’s Medical Laboratory, or Mission Hospitals Laboratories, only.
- **Ruth Paddison Scholarship** – Madison County public high school seniors, only.

- **Dorothy Peek Scholarship for New Morgan Hill Baptist Church** – graduating high school seniors who are children of members of New Morgan Hill Baptist Church (Lake Hills Life) in Candler, NC, only.
- **Joanna Cornerstone Ministries Scholarship Fund** – Cherokee, Clay or Graham counties public high school seniors. UNC School of Arts, North Carolina School of Science and Math, Tri-County Early College or a home school registered with the NC Department of Non-Public Education are also eligible, as long as they are legal residents of one of the three counties mentioned above.
- **Leroy Ripper Scholarship** – Cherokee and Clay counties public high school seniors, only.
- **Charlie R. and Charles J. Silver Family Scholarship** – children of Silver-Line Plastics Corporation employees, only.
- **Lynn Brown Slater Memorial Scholarship** – Ashe County High School seniors, only.
- **S. Hayes Robinson Memorial Dance Scholarship** – Buncombe County public and private high school seniors, only.
- **Transylvania Excellence in Education / Excellence Award** – Transylvania County public high school seniors excelling in English, only.

Please note CFWNC also administers the following scholarship programs, which are open to high school graduates already in college and pursuing specific fields:

- **Mary R. Hemphill Scholarship** – for applicants who are graduates of WNC’s Charles D. Owen, Madison High School or McDowell High Schools and currently attending NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine or the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, only.