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Area
Scholarships



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The Foundation manages more than 100 permanent endowed funds and 50 non-permanent funds, including charitable remainder trusts. Some funds are for scholarships for local students, some support local organizations specified by the donors, some are for projects of interest to the donors and some are unrestricted. The unrestricted funds are awarded on a competitive basis by the Foundation and allow the Foundation to address the needs and wants of the community as they change over time. Assets now exceed \$36,000,000.

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**Awards Available through the
Polk County Community Foundation
Competitive Awards Program**

Available to Students in Polk County and Landrum

Polk County Community Foundation Educational Awards

Contact Information:

For applications or additional information, please contact:
Grants Manager
Polk County Community Foundation
255 South Trade Street
Tryon, North Carolina 28782
828-859-5314
foundation@polkccf.org

Forms Sources:

- Polk County Community Foundation office
- Email: foundation@polkccf.org
- Web site: www.polkccf.org
- High School Guidance Counselors

The purpose of the Polk County Community Foundation Educational Awards Program is to support students in our area who wish to further their education past high school. Awards are given on a competitive basis to those individuals who intend to continue their education or training at a recognized college, university, technical, vocational, or other accredited post-secondary educational institution. We have awards for high school seniors, students currently in school and adults returning to school.

There is one application form for you to apply for all of the educational awards administered by the Polk County Community Foundation. These scholarships are awarded in a competitive application and interview process by the Education Committee of the Community Foundation in accordance with the scholarship criteria set by the donors who created our scholarship funds. The criteria for these scholarships are listed in this scholarship booklet. All applicants are encouraged to contact the Grants Manager at the Community Foundation for assistance with the scholarship process.

The Polk County Community Foundation plans to award well over \$140,000 this year in scholarships to area students. Please see the current application for details and additional information.

A Leg Up Scholarship

Awarded to one or more students in the area seeking training in technical, vocational or craftsmanship skills such as veterinary technician, carpentry, cabinetmaking or culinary.

Jack H. Albertson Educational Award

Awarded to a young man on the basis of need and ability.

John A. Albertson Educational Award

Awarded to a young man on the basis of need and ability.

Margery W. Bain-Franklin Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating high school senior who will be pursuing a degree in voice or piano at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. Students must have graduated from a private or public secondary school and be no more than 20 years old. Residents of the Town of Tryon are preferred, but other students in Polk County and Landrum are encouraged to apply. This \$5,000 award is renewable for the second and fourth years of study at NCSA provided the student is making satisfactory progress.

Susan P. Barbour Scholarship

Awarded to a local high school senior.

Polly C. and Carroll G. Bennett Scholarship

Awarded at the discretion of the Education Committee.

Allan C. & Anne B. Boas Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating senior residing in Polk County, NC or the surrounding area, as determined by the Foundation, who has been admitted to a four-year college. The criteria for the award of this scholarship shall be financial need, academic achievement and community service (which may include applicable school activities). Using the same criteria, this scholarship may be renewable by the same recipient up to three subsequent years in college.

Bradley Achievement Award

The Bradley Achievement Awards are given to high school seniors who have

the greatest potential to make our community proud of them. Achievement and potential will be evaluated by the Education Committee's review of the entire scholarship application which includes awards, essays, extracurricular activities, grades and class rank, interviews, recommendations, and standardized test scores. The student must be a resident of Polk County.

G. Freeman and Elizabeth M. Brooks Scholarship

This fund is for one or more post-secondary scholarships to be awarded annually with preference given to candidates, if any, pursuing a career in medicine or nursing. This scholarship should have such other award criteria as the Foundation may from time to time determine and there should be consideration given to the financial need of the student or students. This scholarship may be renewed up to three subsequent years provided the student has continued financial need and maintains a 3-point (B) grade point average.

P. Henry & Sara Molder Burrus Scholarship

This endowment is for an annual scholarship to a deserving Polk County student. The selection committee will give consideration to the following factors when judging applicants for this award: (1) High school scholastic achievement – 40%; (2) Need – 40%; and (3) Qualities of leadership and community responsibility – 20%.

To qualify for a scholarship, the recipient must accepted or enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a college or university that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools under the standards of the College Delegate Assembly of said association.

J. Harwood Cochrane Educational Award

The donor's intent was to set up a scholarship program of perhaps a thousand dollars to see a student through college to complete a degree. The selection should not be a top student or nec-

essarily a disadvantaged student, but someone who might not be able to go to college due to grades, family circumstances or other, to help them upgrade themselves and their family.

John Lewis Craddock Educational Awards Fund

Awarded at the discretion of the Education Committee.

Gordon L. Foote Educational Award

Awarded at the discretion of the Education Committee.

Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Scholarship Program

Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors as well as students who take no more than one year off between high school and college. Students must be residents of Polk County and have demonstrated excellence in scholarship (top 10% of their high school class). The Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Scholarship Program allows students to renew their scholarships each year for a total of four years provided that the student maintains a “B” average or better and is continuously enrolled and making satisfactory progress.

Annette W. Hysham Scholarship

This scholarship fund is for disadvantaged young people of the community to permit them to carry out the advancement of their professional or occupational goals.

Phil J. Hysham Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating senior in the Polk County area for use in the applied academic area (could be a course for educational or vocational training).

Kirby Endowment Fund Back-to-School Scholarship for Adults

Awarded to assist one or more adults, 22 years of age or older, who seek to improve their professional, trade, or work skills. Financial need and dedication to worthy fields of endeavor are prime requisites for the award.

Kirby Endowment Scholarship for First Year Students Fund

Awarded to a local scholar of top academic standing on the basis of need to help cover the cost of the freshman year at a leading liberal arts college or university.

John G. Landrum, Jr. Educational Awards Program

Awarded to graduating seniors on the basis of academic achievement.

Mary Evelyn & Harry Laurent Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is for a student seeking a degree at an accredited college, university, technical institute, or community college who demonstrates a clear-cut educational objective in his or her course of study and whose ability to continue his or her education will be impacted substantially by the scholarship award. Recipients of the scholarships will be only those students who graduate in the top 25% of their class (students in magnet high schools are exempt from this requirement). Preference is given to full-time students and those who are full-time or part-time employees of Tryon Estates or the children or grandchildren of employees of Tryon Estates. This scholarship may be renewed for three consecutive years in college, provided the recipient demonstrates satisfactory progress in school. The preference is for larger and fewer grants.

James A. & Renée R. McDermott Scholarship Fund

This scholarship should be awarded using the following criteria:

Eligible students will reside within Polk County, North Carolina or within other close-by areas the Foundation serves.

The scholarship will be used to fund costs of undergraduate study in a liberal arts program (i.e., the humanities, mathematics, social sciences, physical sciences, etc.) leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited four year college or university. One of the purposes in

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establishing the fund is to encourage talented students to pursue such a course of study. This is not to say that the course of study pursued by the recipient cannot be part of preparation for professional study (e.g., medicine, law, etc.), but the predominant character of the course of study should be the liberal arts, not an occupational course of study (e.g., business, accounting, engineering, education, health services, etc.).

Beyond this, criteria for selection will be threefold:

1. The recipient should have substantial scholastic aptitude. This could be evidenced by academic performance, scholastic aptitude tests, academic awards, teacher evaluations and the like. Consideration could and should be given to applicants whose scholastic performance has significantly improved during the course of their secondary education even though their overall grade point average may be adversely affected by poorer performance in earlier periods.

2. The recipient should also have demonstrated civic or social achievement potential in some substantial way. This might take the form of substantial and meaningful participation in student government, athletics or other extracurricular activities. Or it could consist of addressing and overcoming a significant physical, economic or social challenge or hardship.

3. Need, broadly defined, will be a selection criterion.

The award should carry with it a requirement that the recipient maintain consistently high, or at least adequate, grades to continue to receive scholarship assistance in the second and ensuing years of his or her four year undergraduate program.

Hoyt D. & Tyler B. McEntire Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating Polk County School System senior on the basis of scholastic record, leadership qualities, ambition, proven industriousness and family income.

Nathaniel M. & Constance J. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship

Awarded at the discretion of the Education Committee.

Jessica Lauren Mills Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating Polk County High School student (a senior) who resides in North Carolina and who plans to attend an out-of-state college.

N. Elizabeth Nash Scholarship

Preference given to a student interested in furthering his or her studies in math, physical science or related technologies.

Arthur M. Nelson Scholarship

A recipient of this scholarship should meet his or her state's scholars diploma requirements, be active in school and community (church, hospital, job, etc.), and have a good attendance record in school. This scholarship should be given to a qualified graduating senior from Polk County High School or Landrum High School.

William F. & Claire B. Nelson Scholarship

Awarded at the discretion of the Education Committee.

R. Shaw Pettigrew Scholarship

Among the factors to be considered in awarding this scholarship are the following: achievement (scholastic record), academic distinction, and a desire to attend a top university (not community college level).

Edward E. & Suzanne K. Plumly

This scholarship fund is to be distributed for no more than two college level scholarships by the Foundation's

Scholarship Committee to local students based primarily on financial need.

**Polk County Community Foundation
Annual Scholarship Fund**

Awarded at the discretion of the Education Committee.

**Polk County Community Foundation
Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded at the discretion of the Education Committee.

Leila G. Rainey Nursing Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating senior who has completed health occupational classes, is a certified nursing assistant, or has served as a junior volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital and who is seeking a degree in nursing. The student must have been a Polk County resident for at least two years and a graduate of either Polk County High School or Landrum High School. This scholarship may be renewed up to four years to obtain a RN degree, provided a 2.75 (C+ GPA) is maintained.

The Restart Fund

This fund was designed to allow men and women the chance to follow a passion or even change vocations. This fund is to be used to assist individuals in Polk County and the surrounding area in obtaining training in their chosen fields of endeavors. The recipient should be selected on the basis of need and enterprise and not on the basis that this training is more "worthy" than that. This is for individuals who want to return to school.

**Priscilla and Ellis D. Slater Merit
Scholarship Award**

Awarded on the basis of merit to one or more high school graduates to help defray the cost of their freshman year at the college of their choice.

Dudley Smith Educational Funds

Awarded to graduating seniors wishing to continue their education.

**David P. & Barbara Stayman Educational
Award**

Awarded at the discretion of the Education Committee.

**G. Mildred Steinbach and John F.
Steinbach Scholarship Fund**

Awarded to one or more Polk County residents who wish to attend an accredited public or private college or university, community college, or a recognized technical or vocational institution. This award is based on financial need, scholastic achievement and community responsibility. Using the same criteria, this scholarship may be renewed for three consecutive years in college.

Tryon Riding & Hunt Club Fund

This scholarship is to be awarded each year to a worthy student in Polk County with scholastic potential.

Guilford S. Turner, Jr. Educational Award

Awarded to a graduating Polk County High School senior on the basis of merit.

**Joseph Anthony & Adair McIntyre Wagner
Scholarship**

Awarded to local high school seniors (to include Landrum High School) who meet the requirements of need and scholastic standing.

Tony Wallace Scholarship

Awarded to a student whose academic and/or life experiences show an understanding of the value of hard work and who seems to understand the importance of personal responsibility.

Jane Hysham Willis Scholarship

Awarded to a resident of Polk County or a graduate of Landrum High School on the basis of merit and need. This scholarship may be renewed for three consecutive years in college, provided the recipient maintains a "B" average or better.

Frances O. & John W. Wilson Fund for Restart Scholarships

This fund was designed to allow men and women the chance to follow a passion or even change vocations. This fund is to be used to assist individuals in Polk County and the surrounding area in obtaining training in their chosen fields of endeavors. The recipient should be selected on the basis of need and enterprise and not on the basis that this training is more “worthy” than that. This is for individuals who want to return to school.

Robert & Nancy Worsnop Scholarship

This scholarship is for one or two graduating high school seniors, including home schooled students, who live in Polk County or Landrum. To show that the student will be able to benefit from post high school technical training, the student must have demonstrated sufficient competency in English, math and science related subjects. The student must plan to complete a one or two year training course at a community college or technical school in his or her chosen field. The training could be for computers, culinary, automotive, finance, carpentry, dental, veterinary or any other field requiring technical training courses. The objective of such additional training is to enable the student to achieve the best position possible in his or her chosen field of endeavor. This award is not for students planning to attend a four year program or for students who are pursuing training in the medical field.

Area Scholarships

American Legion Memorial Post 250 — Vocational Scholarship

Eligibility:

Graduating senior, boy or girl, from Polk County High School or Landrum High School who will be pursuing higher education at a Vocational Institution leading to a degree or certificate.

Forms Source:

Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Counselor. Selection process coordinated through the office of the Guidance Counselor.

Other Information:

- Selection criteria stress personal qualities, good citizenship and being a student in good standing, both academically and in personal conduct.

Edward L. Barrier Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Resident of Rutherford or Polk Counties.
- Demonstrates financial need.
- Priority given to applicants whose needs cannot be met through alternative funding sources.
- Recipient may be in diploma or degree program.
- Recipient should be 25 years or older and must have completed at least one semester with no grade lower than a C.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

Eligibility:

Male or female student, who

- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Must be a legal NC resident.
- Must be a graduate senior of a public, charter or private secondary school in North Carolina.
- Must be selected and recommended by his/her high school for competition at the state level.
- Must enroll full-time in an accredited institution of higher education for the next academic year.
- Must not be in default on a Federal student loan.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

Criteria used to determine outstanding academic achievement:

- Must have a minimum SAT score of 900 (ACT – 19 composite).
- Must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (unweighted, on a 4.0 scale).
- Class rank.
- Transcript Analysis.
- Recipients are eligible to receive awards each year for a maximum of four (4) years if they continue to meet the criteria for continuation.

Dr. Warren Carson Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Graduating Polk County High School senior student
- Grades
- Representing good moral character
- Church
- Involved in activities
- Financial need.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- Teachers present initial candidates. These candidates must then complete an application.

George Chatham Business Science Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Must be a North Carolina resident seeking an associate degree in business administration.
- Must be enrolled for at least 6 hours.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Renewable up to 4 semesters at full-time or equivalent.

Harry W. Clarke Memorial Scholarship

Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

Eligibility:

- Graduating seniors of a public Polk County school, as well as, students in Rutherford and 27 other western North Carolina counties. Or a WNC home school student registered with the NC Department of Non Public Education.
- Attending college in North Carolina

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- Each school committee will choose one finalist to compete for each award and will forward those applications to the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina.
- The Harry W. Clarke Scholarship Committee will select one recipient of each award. Interviews may be required.

Congregational Church Women's Fellowship Educational Assistance Fund**Eligibility:**

- Must be an active member or "friend" of the Congregational Church in Tryon
- Must be an undergraduate going to an accredited institution (technical, vocational, college or university)
- Must have financial need
- Other criteria published in the guidelines

Forms Source:

The Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)
Tryon, NC Office 859-9414

Other Information:

- Applications are available in March, due by April 15th or note date on application.

Eileen Conti Environmental Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Intent to pursue career in environmental sciences.
- Arts and Science major.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Resident of Rutherford or Polk County.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

J.D. Cooley Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Student must have declared an Applied Science major.
- Resident of Rutherford or Polk County.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Renewable.
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Ann and Ellis Fincher Scholarship Polk County Democratic Party

Eligibility:

- Graduating Polk County High School Seniors or graduating Polk County home schooled student registered with the NC Department of Non Public Education
- Student must pursue a program of study at any post-secondary institution (Includes 2 or 4 year college or university, vocational or technical school)

Forms Source:

Polk County High School Guidance Department 894-8594
Mrs. Donna Radich 863-2746

Other Information:

- Submission may be brief written replies to several questions or any other form of artistic expression.

First Baptist Church of Tryon Scholarship

Eligibility:

Given only to applicants who have been accepted to accredited colleges, universities, Bible or theological schools. Priority will be given to children of the immediate family of First Baptist Church members.

Forms Source:

Jane Edwards, 859-5375
First Baptist Church of Tryon, Inc.

William Forster, Jr. & Nancy Forster Stevens Scholarship

Community Foundation of Western
North Carolina

Eligibility:

Seniors in a public high school in Polk, Rutherford and 16 other Western North Carolina counties; scholarships may be awarded to students of any race, creed, sex or ethnic background. Or a WNC home school student registered with the NC Department of Non Public Education.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- It is not required that the applicant be ranked among the top students in the class, community service (outstanding contributions to school and community), extracurricular activities, work experience, financial need are considered.

Gamma Beta Delta Kappa Scholarships

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Education or child care major
- Enrolled in or intends to be enrolled in 9 or more credit hours

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC, 828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Renewable for second year
- Must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA

Capt. John G. Gardner, USMC Viet Nam Memorial Scholarship

Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

Eligibility:

Available to all relatives or descendants which can include children, stepchildren and grandchildren of active duty Viet Nam era veterans who are Western North Carolina students. Not restricted to high school seniors but applicants must be 25 or younger.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594 or
Viet Nam Veterans of American #124
PO Box 9468, Asheville, NC 28815

Other Information:

- Veteran status of relative

Frank J. & Sybil H. Giordano Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Polk County High School senior
- Must have attended PCHS for three (3) consecutive years

- Must fall within the 70 – 90 percentile of their graduating class
- Must be eligible for admittance to UNC-Asheville
- Applicants must be willing to forego all other financial scholarships

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- Must be resident of Polk County for three (3) consecutive years
- Must be resident of Polk County at time of the award
- Scholarship covers tuition, fees, room and board to UNC-Asheville for one year

Julia Goforth Memorial Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Demonstrate genuine financial need
- Priority given to pre-music majors
- Maintain 2.5 or better cumulative GPA for continuation

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Henson's Inc. Scholarship

Tryon Youth Center, Inc.

Eligibility:

Polk County area High School graduates.

Forms Sources:

Polk County High School Guidance
Department 894-8594
Tryon Youth Center 859-3192

Other Information:

- Recipients must be endeavoring to continue their education at an institute of higher learning.

Hewitt Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Arts and Science major.
- Must have 2.5 GPA or better
- Resident of NC with Polk County graduate given preference.
- Demonstrate financial need.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

H.E. Hipp Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility:

Landrum High School student

Forms Source:

Landrum High School
Guidance Department, 457-2606

The Sue Hipps Memorial Performing Arts Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Scholarship funds will be awarded for study in various facets of the performing arts to graduating high school seniors and college undergraduate and graduate students who have actively participated in Tryon Little Theater productions.

Forms Source:

Tryon Little Theater
34 Melrose Ave, Tryon, NC 28782

Other Information:

- Recipients will be chosen by a committee consisting of one member of the TLT Board and at least two members of the community active in the theater.
 - Applications are available in the Spring at area high schools and the Polk County Community Foundation.
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Holy Cross Memorial Scholarships

Eligibility:

- Students accepted in schools of higher learning
- Students of theology, especially WNC diocese
- Continuing education in theological seminaries for clergy in the Tryon area

Forms Sources:

- School guidance office – Counselor
- Church of the Holy Cross office
150 Melrose Ave., Tryon, NC 28782
Mailing address: PO Box 279, Tryon, NC 28782

Other Information:

- Primarily Polk County or Landrum
 - Holy Cross church membership
 - April 1st each year
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Inman Riverdale Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Graduating high school senior
- Dependent of full-time employee at Inman Mills
- Must go to a university or college in South Carolina.

Forms Source:

Pat Robbins
PO Box 207, Inman, SC 29349
864-472-2121, Fax 864-472-0261

Isothermal Community College Alumni Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Must be rising sophomore
- Demonstrate financial need
- Maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Preference given to financial aid file completed by March 15
- Enroll in 12 or more credit hours

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Other Information:

- One recipient selected every year
- Show outstanding academic promise

Kiwanis Club of Tryon, NC Scholarships

Eligibility:

- Graduating Polk County High School Senior, and a resident of Polk County.
- A student who plans to attend an institution of higher learning full time.
- Primary criteria:
 - Need
 - Merit
- Must be a member of the Key Club at Polk County High School or a student whose parents or grandparents are active Kiwanis Club of Tryon, NC member.

Forms Sources:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594 or
Eloise T. Johnson, Chairman of Kiwanis
Club of Tryon, NC Scholarship
Committee
201 East Howard Street, Apt. C30
Tryon, NC 28782
859-2130

Landrum High School Band Booster Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Landrum High School graduating senior
- Active member of Landrum Band program
- At least one year in Landrum Marching Band

Forms Source:

Dr. Barry Bridwell, LHS
102 Redland Road, Landrum, SC 29356
457-2834

Other Information:

- Students invited to apply
- Interview

Landrum High School Faculty Scholarship

Eligibility:

Landrum High School student

Forms Source:

Landrum High School
Guidance Department, 457-2606

Landrum High School PTO Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Landrum High School student
- Parents are member of PTO
- Student planning on majoring in education

Forms Source:

Landrum High School
Guidance Department, 457-2606

The William Lee Memorial Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Must be a Criminal Justice Major
- Enrolled in ICC Criminal Justice Program
- High School graduate
- Good moral character
- No arrests or convictions
- At least 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Complete a William V. Lee Memorial Scholarship application
- Special deadline

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

The Lovelace Nursing Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled in Practical Nurse Education program at ICC
- Demonstrate potential
- Document financial need
- Preference given to widows raising children
- Completion of FAFSA by May 31

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Other Information:

- May renew

Lutz Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

Eligibility:

Male or female student of Polk County High School

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- A \$2,000 scholarship, payable \$500 per year, will be awarded to the selected winner; a one time only \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the runner up. Polk County will nominate five students; all nominee non-winners will receive a \$50 savings bond.

If a recipient is awarded other scholarships with a total value to or greater than the Lutz Foundation scholarship, The Lutz Foundation scholarship will be forfeited to the next alternate. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the recipient regardless of other scholarships received.

Each recipient of the \$2,000 scholarship must maintain a 2.0 GPA and must be a full time student, or the scholarship will be cancelled. Payment for the scholarship will be sent to the college where the recipient enrolls, provided the institution is an accredited college that can offer academic credit leading to a B.A. or B.S. degree.

In addition to the above scholarships, there will be awarded two John Ray Lutz memorial scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each, payable \$500 per year. One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to any student planning to attend Gardner-Webb College. A second \$2,000 scholarship is offered to children of Petroleum World, Inc. employees who are seeking a secondary education. The same criteria is set forth for the above two scholarships as The Lutz Foundation scholarships.

Andrew Major Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Commercial Graphics or Art major.
- Full-time student.
- Not need based but may be factor where students of equal talent are in the selection pool.
- Must submit portfolio to support application.
- Must have 3.0 GPA or better.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Renewable for four semesters.

**James G.K. McClure
General Scholarship****Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be high school graduates enrolling in college for the first time.
- Resident of Rutherford or Polk County or other specified Western NC county
- Maintain 2.5 or better cumulative GPA
- Priority given to financial aid file completed by July 15.

Forms Source:

The Community Foundation of Western
North Carolina
Asheville, NC 28802
828-254-4960

Other Information:

- The following factors are considered in selecting the recipients: evidence of Christian character; financial need; intellectual promise; the desire to be of service to humanity; and demonstrated ambition.
- Two recipients selected every year

**James G.K. McClure
Health Careers Scholarship****Eligibility:**

- Accepted into Practical Nurse Education or Associate Degree Nursing Program at ICC
- Resident of Rutherford or Polk County or other specified Western NC county
- Priority given to financial aid file completed by July 15.
- Maintain 2.5 or better cumulative GPA

Forms Source:

The Community Foundation of Western
North Carolina
Asheville, NC 28802
828-254-4960

Other Information:

- The following factors are considered in selecting the recipients: evidence of Christian character; financial need; intellectual promise; the desire to be of service to humanity; and demonstrated ambition.
- Two recipients selected every year

**Monroe and Ada Moore McDonald
Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Based on need, motivation, solid achievement in high school and good citizenship.
- No limitation to the school that the student comes from or the academic program for which they are enrolled.
- Student must be full-time.
- Recipient may attend Polk or Spindale Campus.
- Any division of the college is eligible for this scholarship – Arts and Sciences, Applied Sciences and Technology, or business Sciences.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Renewable for second year, it criteria is met.
- Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

W. H. “Shorty” McDonald Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Resident of Polk County
- Enrolled in or intends to be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours
- Must have declared a major
- Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Preference given to applicants who have completed financial aid file by May 31.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Evidence of financial need
- Motivation
- Good citizenship
- Solid high school achievement
- Renewable for second year.

Milliken Scholarship

Eligibility:

Children of Milliken hourly associates or Milliken associates

Forms Source:

George Russell, Human Resources Mgr.
Human Resources Office
P.O. Box 637
Hatch Plant, Columbus, NC 28722
894-8222

Other Information:

- Scholarship can be used **only** at private, four-year independent colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, New York or Tennessee. See Human Resources office for complete list of approved colleges.

Operation Hope Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Landrum High School student
- Involved in church activities
- Candidates must write a short description of their needs and plans

Forms Source:

Operation Hope in Landrum, SC or
Glen Plumley, 457-2812

Lou Anne Perkins Nelson Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Pursue career in education.
- Must have 3.0 GPA or better
- Resident of Rutherford or Polk County.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Eligibility:

South Carolina residence
1200 SAT score or 27 ACT score
3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale **and** rank in top 5% of class

Forms Source:

Landrum High School
Guidance Department, 457-2606

Pi Conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Second year college transfer student.
- Education major.
- Must be enrolled in 9 or more hours.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Powers Service Scholarship Program

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Complete a FAFSA application by May 30.
- All eligible scholarship/grant and/or WIA/TAA funding will be utilized before the Powers Service Scholarship is granted.
- Be a resident of Rutherford or Polk County.
- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Be seeking a Certificate, Diploma or Degree within an academic program.

Student pursuing certificate or diploma or possessing a certificate or diploma upon admission to Isothermal are eligible for this scholarship until they have achieved an associate degree. The duration of eligibility will vary for those seeking less than the associate degree. A student may receive up to six (6) semesters of full-time funding or if a part-time student, the equivalent prorated.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Complete a minimum of 15 hours of community service per semester by the last class day of the semester.
- The volunteer hours will be documented by the Coordinator of the Powers Scholarship program. If more than one volunteer activity is submitted, a minimum of 1 hour of service must be recorded for each of the volunteer activities or sessions cited. Community service hour requirements will be prorated for part-time students.
- Maintain an overall GPA of 2.0
- Demonstrate satisfactory academic progress to retain the scholarship. All developmental courses must reflect a minimum grade of "C". A grade of "P" will also be acceptable. Evaluation of progress will occur at the end of each spring semester.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary

Health Career Scholarships

Eligibility:

Male or female students of Polk or Landrum High School who have taken Health Occupation Classes and/or served as junior volunteers at the hospital and who are planning for a career in the field of health.

Forms Sources:

High School guidance counselors and/or Health Occupation teachers; available in January.

Other Information:

- The Auxiliary annually awards to graduating High School seniors going into the health care field.
- Funds are provided from the Auxiliary budget, the Scholarship Endowment Fund and the annual Tree of Hope campaign.
- The scholarship amount varies from \$850 – \$3,000 and is generally determined by where the student is planning to study.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary

Katherine Kirby Nursing Scholarship

Eligibility:

Male or female students of Polk or Landrum High School who has taken Health Occupation Classes and/or served as a junior volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital and who is seeking a degree in nursing.

Forms Sources:

High School guidance counselors and/or Health Occupation teachers; available in January.

Other Information:

- This grant is to be used to fund one or more scholarships for individuals with demonstrated financial need who are seeking a degree in nursing. A scholarship recipient who has attained a "B" (3.0) average or higher may apply for additional one-year scholarships.

State Employees' Credit Union Foundation

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Is an applicant or full-time student who is a high school graduate or has completed the General Education Development (GED) program, enrolled in an associate degree, diploma or certificate program.
- A resident of North Carolina eligible for in-state tuition.
- Best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People" and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
- GPA or 2.5 or better or attained a score of 3,000 on the GED test.
- Demonstrates financial need.
- Uses scholarship to pay for tuition, books, fees, course supplies and transportation.

- Continues at the college enrolled for the duration of the scholarship.
- Not a director, employee or family member of director or employee of State Employee's Credit Union or SECU Foundation.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Thermal Belt Rotary Club

Two-Year Vocational/Technical College Scholarships

Eligibility:

Graduating Polk County Senior, boy or girl, who plans to attend (full time) a Vocational/ Technical school to pursue a degree or certificate.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School Guidance Department 894-8594

Other Information:

- Selection criteria stress personal qualities, extra curricular activities, community service, attendance. Does not have to be in the top 20% of the class.
- Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded each year.

Tryon Federal Bank — J. Russell Constance Memorial

Tryon Youth Center, Inc.

Eligibility:

Polk County area High School graduates

Forms Sources:

Polk County High School Guidance Department 894-8594
Tryon Youth Center 859-3192

Other Information:

- Recipients must be endeavoring to continue their education at an institute of higher learning.

Tryon Rotary Club

Four-Year Scholarship

(Two awards each year)

Eligibility:

Graduating Polk County student, boy or girl, who plans to attend (full time) a four-year college or university to pursue a course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree. May be home schooled or in private or public school.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- Selection criteria stress personal qualities, good citizenship; must be a “deserving” student with the intellect, desire and demonstrated capability to earn a college degree. Does not necessarily have to be the best student in the class. Eligibility for awards in successive years requires student be in “good standing”, both academically and in terms of personal conduct.

Tryon Rotary Club

Two-Year Vocational/Technical College Scholarships

Eligibility:

Graduating senior student, boy or girl, who plans to attend (full time) a Vocational/Technical school to pursue a course of study leading to degree or certificate.

Forms Sources:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- Selection criteria stress personal qualities, good citizenship; must be a “deserving” student with the intellect, desire and demonstrated capability to earn a college degree. Does not necessarily have to be the best student in the class. Eligibility for awards in successive years requires student to be in “good standing,” both academically and in terms of personal conduct.
- Students who earn credit toward a baccalaureate degree may be eligible for additional awards — on a case-by-case basis.

Tryon Rotary Club

The David A. Wells — Four-Year Scholarships

Eligibility:

Graduating Polk County student, boy or girl, who plans to attend (full time) a four-year college or university to pursue a course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree. May be home schooled or in private or public school.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- Selection criteria stress personal qualities, good citizenship; must be a “deserving” student with the intellect, desire and demonstrated capability to earn a college degree. Does not necessarily have to be the best student in the class. Eligibility for awards in successive years requires student be in “good standing,” both academically and in terms of personal conduct.

Tryon Rotary Club

The Hughes M. Zweig Community College
Scholarship for Polk County High School

Eligibility:

Available each year to a Polk County senior who enrolls full-time in a Community College.

Forms Source:

The Scholarship and Student Awards Committee, in cooperation with the guidance counselor and other members of the school administration and academic faculty, will seek the candidates for this scholarship. Students may not apply for this scholarship; the award will seek the student.

Other Information:

- Students who earn credit toward a baccalaureate degree may be eligible for additional awards — on a case-by-case basis.

Ann L. Turner — Geoffrey M. Tennant Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must be a graduate of Polk County High School
- Must rank in the top ten per cent of graduating class. Students in top twelve per cent of the class at the end of seven semesters may apply, but must graduate in the top ten per cent to be eligible.

Forms Sources:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594 or
Ms. Cindy Allen
Administrative Associate, 859-9175

Other Information:

- The interview process involves an initial interview with an interview committee and a second interview with the full Board of Directors.

Wachovia Technical Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Enrolled full-time student.
- Second year of a two-year technical program.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Scholastic promise.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
ICC, Spindale, NC
828-286-3636

Frank and Mable West Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Recipient must maintain a 3.25 or better cumulative GPA
- Enroll in 12 or more credit hours

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
Isothermal Community College
Spindale, NC, 828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Immediate high school graduate
- Top 10% of high school graduating class; STA, ASSET
- Letters of recommendation from high school teacher or counselor
- Record of active community participation such as high school service clubs, church or volunteer service
- Full-time student
- Non-need based
- Personal interview with selection committee

The Dr. JF, Sr. and Ola H. Whisnant Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- First or second year student in the ADN program or second-level ADN student who has completed the PNE program and passed the licensure exam
- Demonstrate financial need
- Priority given to financial aid file completed by May 31.

Forms Source:

Financial Aid Office
Isothermal Community College
Spindale, NC, 828-286-3636

Other Information:

- Renewable for second year if awarded to first year ADN student.
- Recipient must maintain a 2.0 or better cumulative GPA

Clyde & Mildred Wright Scholarship

Community Foundation of Western
North Carolina

Eligibility:

Seniors in public high school in Polk, Rutherford and 16 other Western North Carolina counties; scholarships may be awarded to students of any race, creed, sex or ethnic background. Or a WNC home school student registered with the NC Department of Non Public Education.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

- It is not required that the applicant be ranked among the top students in the class, community service (outstanding contributions to school and community), extracurricular activi-

ties, work experience, financial need are considered.

- **All recipients** of the \$1,000 Forster/Stevens scholarship will be eligible to compete for these larger awards.

**Resources for Scholarships
and College Information**

**Scholarship information is available
at your public library.**

Polk County Public Library

1289 West Mills Street
Columbus, NC 28722
894-8721

Polk County Public Library, Saluda Branch

44 W. Main Street
Saluda, NC 28773
828-749-2117

**Landrum Branch Spartanburg County
Public Library**

400 E. Rutherford Street
Landrum, SC 29356
457-2218

*The following state websites have excellent
information for their residents.*

The College Foundation of North Carolina

Helping you plan, apply and pay for
college www.cfnc.org

**The South Carolina Commission On Higher
Education**

Promoting quality and efficiency in
higher education through advocacy and
accountability www.che400.state.sc.us

Internet Resources

College Board Online

www.collegeboard.com

College Net

www.collegenet.com

**Database of Grants and Scholarships for
Minorities**

[www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3spec
pop.htm](http://www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3spec
pop.htm)

Federal Financial Aid Form

www.fafsa.ed.gov

The Financial Aid Page

www.finaid.org

**Financial Aid Scholarship Search Through
the Web — FastWeb**

www.fastweb.com

Information about Colleges

www.campusdirt.com

Scholarship Search Engine

www.absolutelyscholarships.com

United Negro College Fund

www.uncf.org

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