

Kirby Handbook
of
Polk County
Area
Scholarships



2012

2012 Scholarship Applications for
Polk County Community Foundation
High School Students

are due in

2011

The tentative due date is
Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 1 p.m.

Please check our website for updates

and

additional Scholarship deadlines.

***The November due date is a
significant change from previous years.***

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A public charity founded in 1975, the Polk County Community Foundation is funded solely by gifts and bequests from people who want to improve the quality of life in Polk County and Landrum. The Foundation receives these charitable donations and then distributes grants and scholarships in accordance with donors' wishes. Donors and nonprofit organizations have many simple and flexible fund options to help them meet their charitable goals.

The Foundation manages more than 190 funds, including permanent endowed funds, non-permanent funds and 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 \$42,000,000.

For more information regarding scholarships, grants or charitable giving options, please contact our President & CEO by visiting the Community Foundation at 255 South Trade Street in Tryon, calling 828-859-5314, or emailing enager@polkccf.org.

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Polk County Community Foundation
Competitive Awards Program**

Available to Students Residing in Polk County and Landrum

Polk County Community Foundation Educational Awards

Contact Information:

For additional information, please contact:
Director of Grants
Polk County Community Foundation
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Forms Sources:

- Polk County Community Foundation office
- Web site: www.polkccf.org

Educational Awards at the Polk County Community Foundation begin with the passion of donors who create and contribute to our scholarship funds. Their philanthropic desires are put into action through a variety of awards that support students in our community 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 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 for your age group. These scholarships are awarded in a competitive application and interview process by the Scholarship Committee of the Community Foundation in accordance with the donor's criteria. The criteria for these scholarships are listed in this scholarship booklet.

Scholarship Committee members are volunteers from our community who are screened to avoid any potential conflicts of interest. The committee works hard to match the unique talents and accomplishments of students with the criteria established by the donors. The committee is responsible for reviewing all complete applications and conducting interviews, before meeting to make award decisions, which are then reviewed and approved by the Board.

The process for awarding scholarships is always competitive, with more applications being received than awards available. The first step towards receiving a scholarship is to submit a complete application. To treat all applicants equally, our policies dictate that any error made in completing your application according to the directions prevents it from being considered on its merits. You are encouraged to contact the Director of Grants at the Community Foundation well in advance of the deadline to review your application and certify that it is complete and submitted on time.

In 2011, scholarships totaling \$120,600 were awarded to 61 local adult and high school students and donors' gifts will allow the Polk County Community Foundation to award a comparable amount going forward. 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 who is a high school senior in Polk County Schools on the basis of need and ability.

John A. Albertson Educational Award

Awarded to a young man who is a high school senior in Polk County Schools on the basis of need and ability.

Francis Pickens Bacon and Agnes Doyle Bacon Memorial Fund

This fund is for aiding deserving men and women who graduate from high school to obtain a college education.

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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship 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 be 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 necessarily 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 Scholarship Committee.

Gordon L. Foote Educational Award

Awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship 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 educa-

Foundation Educational Awards ... continued

tional 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 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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship Committee.

R. Shaw Pettigrew Scholarship

Awarded on the basis of achievement (scholastic record) and academic distinction to a student wishing to attend an academically distinguished four year college.

Edward E. & Suzanne K. Plumly Fund

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 Scholarship Committee.

Polk County Community Foundation Endowed Scholarship

Awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Puddin' Hill Awards

Awarded to Polk County students at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Lelia 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.

Foundation Educational Awards ... continued

David P. & Barbara Stayman Educational Award

Awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship 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 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

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 senior of Polk County High School.

- Committed to attending college in North Carolina as a full-time student in the fall following the award (unless otherwise noted).
- Financial need (unless otherwise noted).
- Academic achievement and potential, as indicated by class rank, GPA and/or SAT or ACT.
- Strong moral character.

Forms Source:

Maria Juarez
 Community Foundation of Western
 North Carolina Scholarship Officer
 828-254-4960

Other Information:

- Applicants who are employees, volunteers or board members, or who are directly related to employees, volunteers or board members of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina are not eligible to apply. Also, individuals directly related to member of a scholarship fund's selection committee or donors are ineligible for that particular fund.

Congregational Church Women's Fellowship Educational Assistance Fund

Eligibility:

- Priority will be given to active members or "friends" of the Congregational Church of 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.

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.

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 Vietnam Memorial Scholarship

Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

Eligibility:

- Graduating seniors of Polk County High School.
- Relative of an active-duty decorated Vietnam veteran (proof of military service required).
- Students who will attend accredited US colleges, universities, community colleges, vocational or technical schools, public or private, as full-time student in the fall following the award (unless otherwise noted). All US schools that qualify for Title IV federal aid (loans, grants and work-study) all qualify to receive Foundation scholarships.
- Financial need (unless otherwise noted).
- Academic achievement and potential, as indicated by class rank, GPA and/or SAT or ACT.
- Strong moral character.

Forms Source:

Maria Juarez
Community Foundation of Western North Carolina Scholarship Officer
828-254-4960

Other Information:

- Applicants who are employees, volunteers or board members, or who are directly related to employees, volunteers or board members of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina are not eligible to apply. Also, individuals directly related to member of a scholarship fund's selection committee or donors are ineligible for that particular fund.

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
- Scholarship information current as of 2010

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

Patricia P. Harris Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Students must be registered for a least six hours and meet the same requirements as students who receive federal funds as published in the college catalog (2.00 cumulative GPA with a completion rate of at least 67%).
- The scholarship will be awarded to a curriculum student who plans to become a teacher in any field. If there are no applications who meet this criterion, it may be awarded to a student in the Early Childhood program.

Forms Sources:

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, 817-4303

Other Information:

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

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
P. O. Box 654, 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.

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:

- Considerations for Scholarship Awards:
 - Academic standing
 - Community/Church Involvement
- Application date: March 1
- This scholarship may be reapplied for in subsequent years

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 members of the Kiwanis Club of Tryon, NC
- Scholarship awards must be used within 12 months of date of notification.

Forms Sources:

Polk County High School
Guidance Department, 894-8594 or
Lynn Montgomery, Chair of Kiwanis
Club of Tryon, NC Scholarship
Committee
2123 Parkway North Rd.
Mill Spring, NC 28756
828-625-0675

Landrum High School PTO Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Landrum High School student
- Parents are members 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
- 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 academic 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.

- Scholarship information current as of 2010

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.

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, if 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:

- A. Active, full-time Milliken hourly associates who meet length of employment requirements.
- B. Dependent children of eligible Milliken hourly associates.
- C. Dependent children of former Milliken hourly associates who immediately prior to death, disability, or retirement met certain requirements regarding payroll status and length of employment.

Forms Source:

George Russell, Human Resources Mgr.
P.O. Box 637
Columbus, NC 28722
828-894-8222
OR
www.scholarshipprograms.org

Other Information:

- Scholarship can be used **only** at private, four-year independent colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Contact Human Resources Office for complete list of approved colleges.
OR www.scholarshipprograms.org

Gary Page Award

Tryon Painters and Sculptors, Inc.

Eligibility:

- Landrum High School or Polk County High School student
- Financial Need
- Merit in the study of Art

Forms Source:

Landrum High School Guidance Department, 864-457-2606
Polk County High School Guidance Department, 894-8594

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 6% 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 Merit Scholarship Program

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- Be a graduate of a recognized high school in Rutherford or Polk County within the academic year within which the application is submitted.
- If graduating from a high school with 100 or more graduates, the student must have graduated within the top 1096 academically of his/her class. Graduates of the Adult High School program must have scored at least 2750 on the official GED test.
- If graduating from a high school with less than 100 graduates, the student must complete the SAT test prior to submitting the application.
- Complete and submit an Isothermal Community College Powers Merit Scholarship application by May 30 prior to the fall semester for which funding is sought.
- Submit two letters of character and citizenship reference with the application. (References may not be relatives of the applicant.)
- Be a legal resident of the state of NC and reside in Rutherford or Polk County. Residence is determined by the Admissions Office according to state guidelines at the time of original application to Isothermal Community College.

- Possess a high school diploma reflecting post-high school academic preparation or equivalent.
- Be a full-time student at Isothermal Community College seeking a degree within an academic program
- May apply for any Powers Scholarship but may be a recipient of only one Powers Scholarship.

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 legal resident of the State of North Carolina and reside in Rutherford or Polk County.
- Provide an official high school transcript 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.

Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation

Four-Year Scholarship (Two awards each year, including the David A. Wells Scholarship)

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.

Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation

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.

Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation

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.

Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation

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.

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 and the Scholarship Endowment Fund.
- 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.

Saluda Women’s Club Scholarship**Eligibility:**

- High school senior, continuing college student, graduate student or returning nontraditional college student who resides in the 28773 zip code.

Forms Sources:

Applications available after February 15 at Polk County High School Guidance Department, 894-8594

Saluda Branch of the Polk County Public Library

Other Information:

- Applications, including transcript, letters of recommendation and essay, are due by April 15.
- Students are eligible to reapply.

Second Wind Hall of Fame Scholarship**Eligibility:**

- Is at least a High School graduate
- Has exemplary personal qualities, is a good citizen, and is “deserving” and industrious.
- Is already in the workplace and has demonstrated a good work ethic.
- Can demonstrate material benefit to be gained by additional training.
- Plans to attend an accredited public or private college, university, community college, or a recognized technical or vocational institution.

Forms Source:

SWHF — Scholarship Committee
PO Box 711, Tryon, NC 28782

Other Information:

- Need is an important consideration.

Nina Simone Scholarship**Eligibility:**

- Scholarships are needs-based and open-discipline.
- Applicants from across the globe are encouraged to apply.
- Awards may be used for both formalized academic study and ancillary cultural enrichment opportunities with an educational emphasis.

Forms Source:

www.ninasimoneproject.org

Other Information:

- The Nina Simone Junior Scholarship is designed to assist rising 6th graders through rising 11th graders.
- The Nina Simone Senior Scholarship is designed to assist rising 12th graders and beyond with no latter age limit.
- With Scholarship Committee approval, especial disbursements possible for collaborative community educational projects.

State Employees' Credit Union Foundation

People Helping People Four-Year Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Must be attending a NC traditional public high school
- Must be a US Citizen and resident of NC
- Must be attending one of the 16 UNC system universities.
- Must have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Must have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement.

Forms Source:

Polk County High School Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:

Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees who live and work in North Carolina. See your school counselor for more information.

State Employees' Credit Union Foundation

People Helping People Community College Scholarship

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.
- Scholarship information current as of 2010

**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, 817-4303

Other Information:

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

**Tryon Federal Bank —
In Honor of Ray Foster**

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, 817-4303

Other Information:

- Recipients must be endeavoring to continue their education at an institute of higher learning
- Scholarships available 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

TR&HC Education Scholarships

Tryon Riding and Hunt Club

Eligibility:

- Either a graduating senior accepted to a higher educational program or an individual currently entered in a higher educational program. First priority for award selection will be given to high school seniors.
- Be a member of a local/national equine organization such as the TR&HC, BRHJA, U.S. Pony Club, Tryon Hounds, Green Creek Hounds, USEF, USEA or actively participating in the equine industry in North Carolina Counties of Polk, Henderson, Rutherford and South Carolina Counties of Spartanburg and Greenville.
- Those applicants demonstrating the greatest financial need will be considered first in the awards process.
- Complete an application, financial need statement and interview.
- Applicants may not be related to any TR&HC Board of Director member, officer, or employee.

Forms Sources:

Tryon Riding and Hunt Club office
289 S. Trade Street, Tryon, in February of 2012.

Laura Weicker or Nancy Z. Wilson,
828-859-6109

Other Information:

- Amount of scholarship may vary, but will be no lower than \$500.
- Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2012. Each applicant will be contacted for an interview in late May.
- The 2012 TR&HC Education Scholarship will be awarded May 2012.
- The scholarship recipient will be encouraged to speak to local civic groups about their award and the benefit equine activities have made in their lives.

Wells Fargo Technical Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

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

Forms Source:

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

Frank and Mable West Scholarship

Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:

- 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

Forms Source:

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

Other Information:

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

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.
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WNC Regional Scholarships

Includes: Clyde & Mildred Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund; William Forster, Jr. and Nancy Forster Stevens Scholarship Fund; Lucius Lanier Memorial Fund; and Nelle Crowell Fletcher & G.L. Crowell Fund

Eligibility:

- Graduating seniors of Polk County High School.
- North Carolina residents.
- Committed to attending any accredited U.S. institution as a full-time student in the fall following the award (unless otherwise noted).
- Students who will attend accredited US colleges, universities, community colleges, vocational or technical schools, public or private, as full-time student in the fall following the award (unless otherwise noted). All US schools that qualify for Title IV federal aid (loans, grants and work-study) all qualify to receive Foundation scholarships.

- Financial need (unless otherwise noted).
- Academic achievement and potential, as indicated by class rank, GPA and/or SAT or ACT.
- Strong moral character.

Forms Source:

Maria Juarez
Community Foundation of Western
North Carolina Scholarship Officer
828-254-4960

Other Information:

- Applicants who are employees, volunteers or board members, or who are directly related to employees, volunteers or board members of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina are not eligible to apply. Also, individuals directly related to member of a scholarship fund's selection committee or donors are ineligible for that particular fund.

**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**

[http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3
specpop.htm](http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3specpop.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.collegeconfidential.com

Scholarship Search Engine

www.careersandcolleges.com

United Negro College Fund

www.uncf.org

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