Polk County Community Foundation

2018 Kirby Handbook of Polk County Area Scholarships
Polk County Community Foundation

Scholarship applications for high school students graduating in the Class of 2018 are due in

2017

The due date is Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Please check our website for updates and additional scholarship deadlines.
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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 enhance 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 200 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 well over $55 million.

For More Information

Our President & CEO Elizabeth Nager works with donors to design charitable giving plans and establish funds to benefit designated nonprofits or the general needs and wants of our community.
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For general information, please call 828-859-5314, email foundation@polkccf.org, visit www.polkccf.org or stop by 255 South Trade Street in Tryon, NC.
Recommended Financial Aid Resources

All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Submitting a FAFSA helps millions of students pay for higher education through grants, loans and work-study funds. Colleges require the FAFSA when evaluating financial aid. For example, this is how students qualify for Pell grants. There is no charge for the FAFSA if you go to the official FAFSA website.

Polk County, North Carolina residents should speak with your guidance counselor regarding resources available from the College Foundation of North Carolina that help students plan, apply, and pay for college. More information about the College Foundation is available by visiting www.cfnc.org or calling 866-866-CFNC (2362)

Landrum, South Carolina residents should speak with your guidance counselor regarding the numerous scholarship and grant opportunities for students attending South Carolina public or independent institutions. More information about South Carolina grants and scholarships is available by visiting www.che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary.aspx or calling 803-737-2262.

The resources above are recommended by the Polk County Community Foundation as first steps to research financial aid information. Additional resources for students are listed on the last page of this booklet.

Note to Families

It’s no secret that the cost of a college education depends greatly on the school you choose. Colleges and universities also have different ways that they can help students pay for their education and different ways of calculating how much assistance they can provide. A student’s financial aid package will hopefully include outside scholarships, like those awarded by the Polk County Community Foundation. It might also include grants and scholarships from the school itself, federal aid like Pell Grants, student loans, a work-study job, and other forms of financial aid. Some schools promise to meet 100% of a student’s need while others may leave a “gap” that the family is expected to pay. In some cases, schools may reduce their own aid because of outside scholarships awarded to a student.

The Community Foundation awards scholarships with the goal of saving families money, not reducing institutional aid that would otherwise be granted to students. We encourage you to talk with financial aid offices to learn more about the kinds of assistance they offer. Ask how outside scholarships are treated and how they affect the school’s aid package. If possible, it may be helpful to see what your aid package looks like without any outside scholarships factored in so that you can know whether outside scholarships have a positive or negative impact on your tuition bill.

We are always happy to work with families and schools to maximize the benefits of our awards to students. Please contact us with any questions about our scholarships.
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Awards Available through the Polk County Community Foundation Competitive Awards Program

Available to Students Residing in Polk County and Landrum*

* Please refer to the application for additional guidance.
Polk County Community Foundation Educational Awards

Contact Information:
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Polk County Community Foundation
255 South Trade Street, Tryon, North Carolina 28782
828-859-5314 grants@polkccf.org

Forms Sources:
- Polk County Community Foundation office
- Website: 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 scholarships awarded by the Polk County Community Foundation. These scholarships are awarded in a competitive application 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 and voting on all complete applications 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 2017, 72 Polk County and Landrum graduating seniors and adults going back to school received awards totaling more than $210,000. All Foundation awards are a minimum of $1,000 and the maximum scholarships in 2016 were renewable awards worth $16,000 over four years. Donors’ gifts will allow the Polk County Community Foundation to award a comparable amount this year.

Please see the current application for details and additional information.

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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, and 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.

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 Puddin' Hill Awards
Awarded to Polk County students at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

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.

Sara & Henry 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 fulltime
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 by the Polk County Community Foundation 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
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(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 or biological
sciences, etc.) leading to a bachelor’s degree at an accredited four year college or
university. It is not our intention to create a scholarship to fund 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 renewal requirements that the recipient maintain a 3.0
grade point average and have a liberal arts major 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.

Polk County Community Foundation Special Awards
From time to time, the Foundation Board of Directors creates award programs for students in special circumstances.

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.
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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 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 fund 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

This information is provided by organizations in our community and publicized by the Polk County Community Foundation as a service to local students. Please check with the organizations for updated information.

Feedback from students regarding the listings in this booklet is helpful in making updates that improve the quality of this resource.

Please contact the Foundation if your organization provides annual scholarships to students in our community that you would like to list in this section.
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.

Dr. Warren Carson Scholarship

Eligibility:
• Graduating Polk County High School senior student
• Grades/Success potential in college
• Representing good moral character
• Church
• Involved in activities
• Financial need.

Forms Source:
• Polk County High School Guidance Department, 894-8594
• Polk County Community Foundation
• Polk County Public Library

Other Information:
• All college bound graduating seniors are welcome to apply. Teachers may also recommend candidates.

Harry W. Clarke Memorial Scholarship
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

Eligibility:
• Graduating senior of Polk County High School.
• Committed to attending either a 2-year or 4-year college in North Carolina as a full-time student in the fall following the award.
• Financial need.
• Academic achievement and potential, as indicated by class rank, GPA and/or SAT or ACT.
• Strong moral character.

Forms Source:
Lezette Parks
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina Scholarship Officer
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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.

Captain John G. Gardner, USMC, Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Scholarship
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

Eligibility:
• Graduating seniors of Polk County High School.
• Relative of an active-duty decorated Viet Nam 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:
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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.

WNC Regional Scholarships
Includes: Clyde & Mildred Wright Endowment Fund; William Forster, Jr. and Nancy Forster Stevens Scholarship Fund; Lucius Lanier Memorial Scholarship Fund; Adelaide C. McKelvey Scholarship Fund; and Nelle Crowell Fletcher & G.L. Crowell Fund
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

Eligibility:
• Graduating seniors of Polk County High School.
• North Carolina residents of the 18 westernmost counties (Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey).
• Committed to attending any accredited U.S. institution as a full-time student in the fall following the award.
• 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. All US schools that qualify for Title IV federal aid (loans, grants and work-study) all qualify to receive Foundation scholarships.
• Academic achievement and potential, as indicated by class rank, GPA and/or SAT or ACT.
• Financial need.
• Strong moral character.

Forms Source:
Lezette Parks
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina Scholarship Officer, 828-367-9909
parks@cfwnc.org  www.cfwnc.org

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.
Margaret L. Forbes Distinguished Scholar Award
Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Foundation

Eligibility:
- Graduating senior of Polk County High
- Graduating senior must be in the top 10% of class
- Recipient must excel in academics
- Recipient must demonstrate strong leadership qualities
- Recipient must be active in clubs and extracurricular activities
- Recipient must be well rounded; he/she should demonstrate an ability to go the “extra mile” in whatever he/she undertakes
- Recipient must be demonstrate strong interest in community as evidenced by participation in volunteer and/or service activities

Forms Source:
Polk County High School Guidance Office – Mrs. Meghan Mauldin/
Ms. Kim Wilson, 828-894-8594

Other Information:
- Application Deadline: October 2016
  (Specific date available from Polk County High School Guidance Office)
- $12,000 minimum award, renewable for three years
- To renew, must maintain a 2.5 GPA first year, 3.0 GPA remaining years and continue to be a Polk County resident
- The scholarship is awarded by the Forbes Foundation and administered by the Polk County Community Foundation

Stuart Forbes Polk High Scholar Award
Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Foundation

Eligibility:
- Graduating senior of Polk County High

Recipient must be accepted at a four year college or university at the time of the award
Recipient must “stand out” as a high achiever who excels in a specific area of study or a specific area of passion such as fine arts education, career education, technical education, healthcare, or environmental education, and/or an area of service or entrepreneurship.
Recipient must demonstrate an interest in the school through participation in school activities and school/community service projects.
Recipient must show a desire to attend his/her dream college in order to further his/her ability to continue studies in the specific area of talent or interest
Recipient must demonstrate potential to complete the four year college program

Forms Source:
Polk County High School Guidance Office – Mrs. Meghan Mauldin/
Ms. Kim Wilson, 828-894-8594

Other Information:
- Application Deadline: February 2017
  (Specific date available from Polk County High School Guidance Office)
- $4,000 minimum award, renewable for three years
- To renew, must maintain a 2.5 GPA and continue to be a Polk County resident
- A minimum of ten students will be selected for an interview from the applicant pool
- The scholarship is awarded by the Forbes Foundation and administered by the Polk County Community Foundation
Frank J. & Sybil H. Giordano Scholarship

Eligibility:
- Polk County High School senior
- Must have attended PCHS for three (3) consecutive years
- Must be in the top 30% of their graduating class
- Must be eligible for admittance to UNC-Asheville
- Applicants must be willing to forego all other financial scholarships for the freshman year

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

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.

Henson’s Inc. Scholarship
Tryon Youth Center, Inc.

Eligibility:
Polk County area High School graduates.

Forms Source:
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.

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:
- Community/Church Involvement
• Academic transcript
• 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 Mill
• 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

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 a 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
828-395-1985

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
828-395-1985

Other Information:
• Renewable up to 4 semesters at fulltime or equivalent.

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
828-395-1985

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
828-395-1985

Other Information:
• Renewable.
• Maintain a 2.5 GPA.
**Gamma Beta Delta Kappa Scholarships**
Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**
- Education or child care major
- Enrolled in 9 or more credit hours

**Forms Source:**
Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC 828-395-1985

**Other Information:**
- Renewable for second year
- Must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA

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**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 828-395-1985

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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 graduates given preference.
- Demonstrate financial need.

**Forms Source:**
Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC 828-395-1985

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**Isothermal Community College Alumni Scholarship**
Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**
- Must be rising sophomore
- Demonstrate financial need
- Maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Enroll in 12 or more credit hours

**Forms Source:**
Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC 828-395-1985

**Other Information:**
- One recipient selected every year
- Show outstanding academic promise

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**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 828-395-1985

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**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 828-395-1985

Other Information:
• Renewal for second year, it criteria is met.
• Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

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 828-395-1985

Other Information:
• Renewable for four semesters.

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 828-395-1985

Other Information:
• Evidence of financial need
• Motivation
• Good citizenship
• Solid high school achievement
• Renewable for second 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.

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 828-395-1985
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 828-395-1985

Lee L. 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 10% academically of his/her class.
• 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 June 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. Residency 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 828-395-1985

Lee L. Powers Service Scholarship Program  
Isothermal Community College

Eligibility:  
To be considered for the scholarship, the student must:
• Be a legal resident of the State of North Carolina and reside in Rutherford or Polk County. Residency is determined by the Admissions Office according to state guidelines.
• Be seeking a Certificate, Diploma or Degree within an academic program.
• Be making satisfactory academic progress. Students ineligible for federal/state aid due to reaching Maximum Timeframe (MTF) may receive the Powers Service Scholarship if a MTF appeal has been denied or exhausted and they are within 16 hours or less of program completion.
• Sign the Powers Service Scholarship Contract.

To receive the scholarship, the student must:
• Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as other required documents to the Financial Aid Office each academic year prior to the semester for which funding is sought.
• Be deemed ineligible for federal/state aid in an amount large enough to cover the full cost of tuition or exhausted Pell eligibility.*
  *All eligible scholarship/grant and/or WIOA funding will be utilized before the Powers Service Scholarship is granted. Students ineligible for federal/state aid due to reaching Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) may receive the scholarship if they are within 16 hours or less of program completion.
• Provide an official copy of a high school transcript or equivalent in accordance with the admissions policy of Isothermal Community College.

**Recipients of the scholarship will be required to complete one of the following during the fall and spring semesters (summer excluded):**
• Complete a four (4) hour Human Resource Development (HRD) course per semester, offered by Isothermal Community College.
• Complete a maximum of five (5) hours of community service per semester by the date specified on the Community Service Verification Worksheet. The volunteer hours will be documented by the Coordinator of the Powers Scholarship program.
• Provide documentation from an employer each semester verifying employment of 30 hours or more per standard week during enrollment at Isothermal Community College.

**Forms Source:**
Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC 828-395-1985

**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 828-395-1985

**Frank and Mable West Scholarship**
Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**
• Immediate high school graduate
• Top 10% of high school graduating class.
• 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

**Other Information:**
• Recipient must maintain a 3.25 or better cumulative GPA
• Enroll in 12 or more credit hours

**Forms Source:**
Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC 828-395-1985

**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 AND 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.

**Other Information:**
• Renewable for second year if awarded to first year ADN student.
• Recipient must maintain a 2.0 or better cumulative GPA.

Forms Source:
Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale, NC
828-395-1985

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
Dr. Bill McCall, Chair of Kiwanis Club of Tryon, NC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 263, Tryon NC 28782

Landrum High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

Eligibility:
• Student must have attended Landrum High School a minimum of 2 years
• Must participate in sports each year and must have participated in a minimum of 4 sports seasons
• If an athlete quit a sports team that is not approved by the coach and Athletic Director, then they are not eligible.

Forms Source:
Landrum High School Guidance Department, 457-2606

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 in the fall of that year, will be awarded to a graduate of Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy (in memory of Violet Lutz) and Polk County High School.
• Each high school may nominate up to five students to be interviewed by the scholarship committee. These finalists will be identified on or before May 1st of each year and recipients selected by May 10th.
• If a recipient is awarded other scholarships with a total value equal to or greater than the Lutz Foundation scholarship, The Lutz Foundation scholarship will be forfeited to the next alternate.
• Each recipient of the $2,000 scholarship must be a full time student.
• 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.
Gary Page Award
Tryon Painters and Sculptors, Inc.

Eligibility:
- Landrum High School and Polk County High School students (graduating seniors)
- 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

Other Information:
- $250 awarded to one Landrum High School student and one Polk County High School student.

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

Eligibility:
- South Carolina residence
- 1200 SAT score or 27 ACT score
- 3.5 GPA on a SC Uniform Grading Scale and rank in top 6% of class

Forms Source:
Landrum High School Guidance Department, 457-2606

Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation
Two-Year Vocational/Technical College Scholarships (Two awards each year)

Eligibility:
Graduating Polk County student, who plans to attend Vocational/Technical school to pursue a course of study leading to college degree or certificate.

Forms Source:
Polk County High School Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:
- Selection criteria stress personal initiative, hard-working and service to others, possesses the desire and demonstrated capability to earn a college degree or certificate.
- Eligibility for awards in successive years requires student to be in “good standing,” both academically and in terms of personal conduct.
- Student must maintain a “C” average to remain eligible for scholarship renewal.
- $2,000 per year, payable for four years.

Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation
Four-Year Scholarship (Four awards each year)

Eligibility:
Graduating Polk County student, who plans to attend (full time) a four-year college or university to pursue a course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree.

Forms Source:
Polk County High School Guidance Department, 894-8594

Other Information:
- Selection criteria stress personal initiative, hard-working and service to others, possesses the desire and demonstrated capability to earn a college degree.
St. Luke’s Hospital Auxiliary
Katherine Kirby Nursing Scholarship

Eligibility:
Male or female students of Polk or Landrum High School who have taken Health Occupation Classes and/or served as a junior volunteer at St. Luke’s Hospital and who are 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
Saluda Women’s Club

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, Polk County Early College, 894-2698, East Henderson High School Counselor’s Office, and the 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:
• Financial need is an important qualification.

State Employees’ Credit Union Foundation
Continuing Education Scholarship Program

Eligibility:
• The SECU Continuing Education Scholarship program will focus on assisting unemployed and underemployed adults, military veterans, and members of the National Guard with marketable job skills for future employment.
• Participants must be enrolled in a program that leads to a state recognized or industry supported credentials.

Forms Source:
Interested candidates should contact the Continuing Education Department at their local N.C. Community College for more information.

More Information Available at:
www.ncseecu.org/Scholarships.html

State Employees’ Credit Union Foundation
People Helping People
Four-Year Scholarship

Eligibility:
• Is a senior at a NC traditional public high school ($10,000/four year award) or
• Is a senior at a NC early college or cooperative innovative high school ($5,000/two-year award)
• Is a US Citizen and resident of NC eligible for in-state tuition
• Is attending one of the 16 UNC system universities
• Must have at least a 2.5 GPA
• Demonstrates financial need as determined by the FAFSA
• Best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, “People Helping People” and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement
• Not a director, employee or family member of director or employee of State Employee’s Credit Union or SECU Foundation.

Forms Source:
• Polk County High School Guidance Department, 894-8594
• Polk County Early College, 894-2698

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.
• Preference will be given to those majoring in public service degree programs
• See your school counselor for more information.

More Information Available at:
www.ncseecu.org/Scholarships.html

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.
• Is a U.S. citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1, and is 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.
• Preference may be given to students with limited financial aid from other programs.
• Demonstrates scholastic achievement and maintains a 2.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale or attained a score of 3,000 on the GED test.
• Uses the scholarship to pay tuition, books, fees, course supplies and transportation.
• Is not a Board Director, employee or family member of an employee of the State Employees’ Credit Union or SECU Foundation.
Forms Source:
- All NC Community College Financial Aid offices

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.

More Information Available at:
www.ncseculfoundation.org/Scholarships.html

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

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 in January
6985 S. NC 9 Hwy, Columbus, NC 28722
828-863-0480

Other Information:
- Amount of scholarship may vary, but will be no lower than $500.
- Applications must be submitted by May 1. Each applicant will be contacted for an interview in late May.
• The TR&HC Education Scholarship will be awarded June.
• 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.
Click on “Pay” then “Grants and Scholarships” for more information about scholarships.

Click on “Students, Families & Military” then “Paying for College” then “Financial Assistance Available” for more information about scholarship programs for SC residents.

Federal Resources

FAFSA
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid
www.studentaid.ed.gov

College Affordability and Transparency Center (Includes College Scorecard, Net Price Calculator Center, College Navigator, and other resources for students and families)
www.collegecost.ed.gov

Other Resources

Prospective Schools
Most college and university websites have a section for financial aid information. Many include a “net price calculator” to help families estimate costs. Be sure to check with the financial aid office at schools you are considering about the types of aid available to students. Schools will use the information you provide on your FAFSA and other forms to determine what federal and institutional (school) aid you qualify for.

Scholarship Websites
A quick online search for “college scholarships” will return a long list of websites offering services to students. Some will require you to create an account with your contact information, which may then be sold to other companies. Be cautious of scams that can lead to money loss or even identity theft. We recommend focusing your financial aid efforts first on completing the FAFSA and contacting the financial aid offices of prospective schools to find out what aid you will automatically qualify for.

If you decide to sign up with a commercial scholarship website, we recommend that you decline to receive mailings from groups that may buy your contact information.
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