



2019 GUIDELINES

CULBERSON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Introduction

The Paul Culberson Agricultural Development Fund was established at the Polk County Community Foundation in 1991 to recognize Paul Culberson for his outstanding contributions to all areas of our community. An initial anonymous gift by a member of our community started the fund and many donors have contributed to it over the years. Paul Culberson retired in 1977 as County Extension Chair, after 31 years with the extension service. Paul served our community in many ways over the years: he was the Executive Director of the Polk County Community Foundation for twenty years, a founder and director of the Foothills Equestrian and Nature Center, founder of the NC 4-H & Youth Foundation, President of Tryon Rotary Club, State President of the NC Agricultural Agents Association, Deacon and Trustee of the Congregational Church of Christ, and President of Tryon Country Club. The initial donor specified, “It is intended to serve as a perpetual tribute to Paul Culberson for the innumerable services that he has given to the community over the years.”

The Polk County Community Foundation is a public charity founded in 1975 by a group of generous and visionary community leaders who wished to improve the quality of life in our area. It is completely funded by gifts and bequests from our local community.

How to apply?

Use the Short Form Application, available online at www.polkccf.org and at the Foundation office, 255 South Trade Street, in Tryon.

Which organizations may apply?

- The Foundation awards grants to local charitable organizations that have been reviewed and approved by the Foundation’s committee and Board prior to consideration of any particular application. Please contact the Foundation with questions about your organization’s eligibility to apply for grants.
- Local Polk County, North Carolina 501(c)(3) nonprofits and units of government that primarily serve the citizens of the community centered in Polk County.

Grant Criteria

Grants are awarded for the advancement of agriculture in our community and related purposes.

Application Deadline

- For application deadlines, see the “Dates & Dollars” chart available online and at our office.
- Please note that all applications are due on Tuesdays by 11:59 pm on the date indicated.

Helpful Publications

- The “Directory of Kirby Endowment Funds, Competitive Grant Funds and Donor Information” provides information about the many funds available at the Community Foundation, including examples of past grants.
- The “Dates and Dollars” chart lists application deadlines, notification dates, interview dates and requirements (if any), and available dollars for each grant program.

Timeframe for Using Approved Grants

Grant funds must be spent within 12 months of the time of the award notification. You may request a longer grant period by indicating the need for an extension of time on the cover page.

Additional Application Hints and Requirements

Please refer to the signature page on the application.

Questions?

For additional information concerning this or other grant applications, or help with your unique situation, please contact Noah Wood, our Director of Grants. You may visit us at 255 South Trade Street, Tryon, NC or online at www.polkccf.org; call 828-859-5314; or email: grants@polkccf.org.