



COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please refer to the scholarship program Fact Sheets and check below **ONLY** the scholarship(s) for which you are eligible and for which you are applying.

_____ **WNC Regional Scholarships (Clyde & Mildred Wright, William Forster, Jr. & Nancy Forster Stevens, Lucius Lanier, and Nelle Crowell Fletcher & G.L. Crowell scholarship programs)**
(Public high school seniors residing within the 18 WNC counties)

_____ **Harry W. Clarke Memorial Scholarship Programs** (Public high school seniors in the 29 western NC counties who will attend a two- or four-year North Carolina college or university) **Check one:**
___ **4-year college/univ (Harry W. Clarke Award)** or ___ **2-year community college (William A. Hart Award)**

_____ **William Bradley Ayers Memorial Scholarship** (Asheville High School senior band members and past recipients)

_____ **Alan Bruckner Young Life Scholarship** (A.C. Reynolds High School seniors)

_____ **Emily Davidson Music Scholarship** (Murphy High School seniors pursuing the study of music)

_____ **R. Walker Geitner III Memorial Scholarship** (Asheville High School seniors and past recipients)

_____ **Margie McCluney Hamrick Nursing Scholarship** (Cleveland County high school seniors pursuing nursing)

_____ **Wellington Hamrick Scholarship** (Cleveland County female high school seniors planning to study sciences)

_____ **Chuck D. Hargrove Memorial Scholarship** (Tuscola High School seniors)

_____ **Heffington Scholarship** (Cashiers or Highlands community members including past recipients)

_____ **Yates L. and Louise D. Holland Scholarship** (Eastern Randolph High School seniors)

_____ **Walter "Pop" Jarvis Scholarship** (Avery County High School seniors)

_____ **Marilyn Lester and William Lester Scholarship** (Asheville High School seniors)

_____ **McDowell Medical Associates, P.A., Scholarship** (McDowell High School seniors)

_____ **Gene & Lee Meyer Scholarship** (seniors of public high schools in Graham, Jackson, Macon, & Swain counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation)

_____ **Brandon F. Miller Memorial Scholarship** (T.C. Roberson High School seniors)

_____ **North Carolina Alpha Epsilon Memorial Scholarship** (Asheville High School female seniors)

_____ **Ruth Paddison Scholarship** (public high school seniors with primary legal residence in Madison County)

_____ **Elda C. Penny/Graham Co. Woman's Club Scholarship** (Robbinsville High School seniors and past recipients)

_____ **Rotary Club of Asheville/West - Warren Bogue Memorial Scholarship** (Enka High School seniors)

_____ **Rotary Club of Asheville/West - John Maggard Memorial Scholarship** (Erwin High School seniors)

_____ **Lynn Brown Slater Memorial Scholarship** (Ashe County High School seniors)

_____ **Murice C. Talley Memorial Scholarships** (Crossnore Academy, East Burke High School, Freedom High School, and the NC School for the Deaf at Morganton seniors)

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS: JANUARY 15, 2010

Public high school seniors, submit to: the senior/college guidance counselor at your school

NCSSM seniors, submit to: Tom Clayton, Director of Academic Programs

UNCSA seniors, submit to: Jeff Morgan, Assistant Dean, High School Academic Program

Any other applicants, including home-schooled seniors, submit directly to CFWNC:

Physical Address: 1600 BB&T Building, One West Pack Square, Asheville, NC 28801

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1888, Asheville, NC 28802

For further information, please call CFWNC at (828) 254-4960 or email juarez@cfwnc.org.

COLLEGE STATEMENT

Where do you want to attend college, and why? Submit a list of the colleges you are seriously considering, including city & state, if you've applied, and if you've been offered enrollment or when you expect to be notified. List the schools in the order of your preference. Next, write a few sentences explaining why each school you've included appeals to you and what you plan to study. If you have already accepted an enrollment offer, identify and discuss only the school you will attend.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

What are your personal, educational, and professional goals? Submit a statement describing your short- and long-term goals and how you plan to achieve them. Your statement should be typed (12-point font) and 1-2 pages in length.

ESSAY OR EQUIVALENT

In addition to the Personal Statement, an essay or equivalent (i.e. video, CD, portfolio) may be required to complete an application for any of the listed scholarships. Consult the individual scholarship program fact sheet(s) for essay topic(s) and any other special application instructions for the scholarship(s) that you are seeking. A single essay or equivalent may be used for multiple scholarships, **only if** it fulfills the requirements of each award sought.

REQUIRED FINANCIAL INFORMATION *

The following **financial information is required** to complete the application for all scholarships unless otherwise noted. Use your IRS 1040 tax forms to determine adjusted gross income figures. (We do not need a copy of your tax forms.) If taxes are not yet filed, you may estimate or use the previous year's taxes as a guide. **Please note that we will not accept applications with missing financial information.**

- Total number of people in household that head(s) of household will support in 2010/2011
- Total number of people in household in a college degree/certificate program in 2010/2011
- Head(s) of household's total adjusted gross income in 2009.....
- Head(s) of household's total cash assets (cash, checking, savings, and/or investments, *excluding* retirement accounts and home equity).....
- Student's adjusted gross income for 2009 (if not head of household).....
- Student's total cash assets (if not head of household).....

Optional: If you wish, you may include a Supplementary Financial Statement explaining circumstances impacting financial need that are not apparent from the above financial information, e.g., contributions expected/not expected from a non-custodial parent, educational expenses already incurred for older siblings, medical expenses, daycare, etc.

* The provision of this information is for initial screening only. If selected as a finalist or recipient of a scholarship, you may be required to provide a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR), obtained by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), before any potential funding is approved. It is your responsibility to complete the FAFSA application (available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov) within one month of the deadline on this application, and to provide a copy of your SAR to us upon request, as documentation of financial need.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Have you applied for other scholarships or grants? If so, please list below the name, amount and status of any grants or scholarships that have been granted or are still pending for your educational expenses. Please notify The Community Foundation office of any grants or scholarships you receive after you submit this application. Pending awards do not exclude you from consideration, but will help us update your application as other results are announced.

Name of Scholarship or Grant	\$ Amount	Granted	Pending

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS *(required only for programs indicated)*

The William Bradley Ayers Memorial Scholarship is offered to members of the Asheville High School band. If applying for this scholarship, indicate the band(s) in which you participate, your year(s) of participation, and the instrument(s) you play: _____

The Gene & Lee Meyer Scholarship is offered to U.S. Citizens with a preference for Native American students and students in foster care. If applying for this scholarship, initial here to attest that you are a U.S. Citizen: _____. If you are Native American (at least 25%), include a legible copy of your Tribal Enrollment Card with your application. If you are in foster care, initial here; additional paperwork will be sent to you for completion. _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Every year, a number of applications are rejected because they are incomplete. Don't let that happen to you! Use this checklist to make sure your application includes all required materials.

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS ARE REQUIRED EXCEPT AS NOTED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION:

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| _____ Activities Resume (see p. 1) | _____ Supplementary Financial Stmt (optional; see p. 2) |
| _____ College Statement (see p. 2) | _____ Filed/will file FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) |
| _____ Personal Statement (see p. 2) | _____ Transcript with Test Scores (SAT, ACT, AP) * |
| _____ Essay or Equivalent, if required (see individual Fact Sheets) | _____ Two Recommendations (see Applicant Appraisal Form) |
| _____ Required Financial Information (see p. 2) | _____ Completed Application form, signed and dated below |
| _____ Other Scholarships and Grants, if applicable (see p. 2) | |

- Clearly print your name and school on the upper right corner of each attachment.
- Provide attachments on 8-1/2 x 11 paper.
 - Make a copy of your application for your records before submitting the original application.
- Insert all attachments inside this application.
- Double-check that all materials are included. Only complete applications will be considered.

- **Do not use staples on the applications or attachments, as we need to photocopy all materials submitted.**

* Your grades will be shared only with selection committee members evaluating your scholarship application.

CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. I also certify that I have read the instructions and will comply with all requests for documentation of my financial need, my transcripts, the status of other scholarship awards I receive, or changes in my plans, should I receive a scholarship.

I understand that CFWNC scholarships may be used only towards the published cost of attendance at U.S. institutions on U.S. soil, accredited by the U.S. Department of Education, and which qualify to receive federal student aid funding, including grants, loans, and work-study.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed application for arrival by January 15, 2010, as follows:

Public high school students should submit their application to their school's guidance counselor.
NCSSM, UNCSEA and home-schooled students should refer to the Special Insert for details regarding programs and submission.
All other applicants should submit applications directly to The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC).
For more information, contact: CFWNC / Telephone: (828) 254-4960 / Email: juarez@cfwnc.org

Awards may be used at any U.S. institution on U.S. soil at which federal student aid (grants, loans and work-study) may be applied. To check online if a school is eligible, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and search for a school code. All schools with assigned codes qualify for CFWNC scholarships.

For information on other scholarships offered to WNC students by the Community Foundation, visit our website at www.cfwnc.org.