



The Community Foundation
of Western North Carolina

Far West Scholarship Application

Madelyn Lea Memorial Scholarship

The Madelyn Lea Memorial Scholarship Fund provides scholarship awards to graduating seniors whose primary residence is in Clay County, and who attend Hayesville High School, the NC School of Science and Mathematics, the UNC School of the Arts High School, Tri-County Early College High School, or a home school registered with the NC Department of Non-Public Education.

Leroy Ripper Scholarship

The Leroy Ripper Scholarship Fund provides scholarship awards to graduating public high school seniors whose primary residence is in Cherokee County or in Clay County.

Those who attend the NC School of Science and Mathematics, the UNC School of the Arts High School, Tri-County Early College High School, or a home school registered with the NC Department of Non-Public Education are also eligible, as long as they are legal residents of one of the two counties mentioned above.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: to arrive by 5:00 p.m. January 15, 2010
(See submission details on page 3.)

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.

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.

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 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, attach or 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

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This application is considered complete and valid for consideration only when you have turned in the following materials to us by the stated deadline:

- _____ Application
- _____ Personal Statement
- _____ College Statement
- _____ Official School Transcript *
- _____ Official Test Scores, if not included on transcript *
- _____ Two Recommendations (see Applicant Appraisal Form)
- _____ Signature and Date below

PLEASE NOTE that, in the interest of fairness to all applicants, only the requested items will be shared with the advisory committee. Extra materials will be destroyed. This ensures uniformity of applications and equity for applicants. Please adhere to the standard application format.

Please do not use staples, since applications must be copied.

* 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 only be used towards the published cost of attendance at U.S. institutions on U.S. soil that 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 completed applications to their school's guidance counselor.
- NC School of Science and Mathematics students, please submit completed applications to Tom Clayton, Director of Academic Programs.
- UNC School of the Arts High School students, please submit completed applications to Jeff Morgan, Assistant Director, High School Academic Program.
- Home schooled students should submit applications directly to: The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, P.O. Box 1888, Asheville, NC 28802 no later than the deadline stated above.

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.

If you have questions, contact CFWNC: Telephone: (828) 254-4960 / Email: juarez@cfwnc.org