



The Community Foundation
of Western North Carolina

MADELYN LEA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fact Sheet

DESCRIPTION

Madelyn Lea was a resident of Hayesville and the long-time music director at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Ledford's Chapel United Methodist Church. After her death in 2006, Madelyn Lea's friends established this scholarship fund in her memory. The fund provides an award to a graduating senior from Clay County, North Carolina.

ELIGIBILITY

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. Recipients must plan to attend an accredited U.S. college, university, community college, or vocational school full-time.

The Community Foundation scholarships will be awarded without regard to age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religious belief, or any other characteristic protected by law.

SELECTION CRITERIA

One (1) one-time \$1,000 scholarship will be available in 2010, for a graduating senior from Hayesville High School with:

- academic merit (measured by class rank, GPA, SAT scores);
- good character;
- leadership skills;
- participation in community service.

Preference will be given to students with:

- an interest in music, through participation and accomplishment as an individual or through school or community involvement;
- demonstrated financial need.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, students must complete an application available in the office of their guidance/college counselor. The application with required attachments (see application checklist) must be returned to the high school guidance department on or before the deadline stated on the application.

ESSAY OR EQUIVALENT

An essay is not required for this scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications received will be forwarded by the school's guidance office to The Community Foundation. A Scholarship Committee of The Community Foundation will review all applications and select a recipient, based upon the stated criteria. All finalists will receive written notification, and the recipient will be announced in May pending approval by The Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the school at the beginning of the freshman year.

The recipient will receive a payment designation form from the Foundation in the summer. Payments will be issued after the Foundation receives the completed form, but no earlier than the end of July. Awards are for the full academic year, and as such are split between the fall and spring terms.

Students must notify The Community Foundation of the receipt of any other educational grants or scholarship assistance as soon as the student receives notification of those awards.

The scholarship recipient must provide The Community Foundation with an official transcript from the school she attended at the end of the school year for which a scholarship is received. An official transcript is one obtained from the school (not online) which bears an official school seal.

DOWNLOAD THE FAR WEST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, OR CONTACT THE HAYESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT FOR AN APPLICATION

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