

RUTH PADDISON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fact Sheet

DESCRIPTION

Ruth Paddison, a native of Blytheville, Arkansas, and a long-time resident of Asheville, passed away on February 20, 2007 at the age of 80. Though not an Asheville native, Ms. Paddison grew up in the area and graduated from Lee Edwards (now Asheville) High School in 1943. She then attended Converse College and Tulane University, graduating with a degree in social work.

Quiet and unassuming, Ms. Paddison was a generous supporter of the causes she believed in, many of which were educational in nature. Upon her death, many were pleased to discover that she had remembered them generously in her will.

Deeply committed to education, to young people, and to bettering life for western North Carolina residents, Ms. Paddison's estate enabled The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina to set up the Ruth Paddison Scholarship Fund. The fund's purpose is to provide scholarship awards to Madison County students seeking to continue their education.

ELIGIBILITY

One (1) one-time \$1,000 scholarship will be available in 2010. The Ruth Paddison Scholarship Fund provides scholarship awards to public high school seniors whose primary legal residence is in Madison County, and who are eager to pursue a higher education.

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

Students must have:

- demonstrated financial need;
- a good academic performance record;
- participation in extracurricular activities and community service; and
- work experience.

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 COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION,
CONTACT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT FOR AN APPLICATION,
OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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