



IRVING JACOB REUTER AWARD

Fact Sheet

DESCRIPTION

The Irving Jacob Reuter Award Program is an honorary award accompanied by a scholarship. It was established to honor the life of Irving Jacob Reuter and to commemorate his generosity. Mr. Reuter was born in 1885 in Indianapolis, Indiana. His parents immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1874. Reuter applied himself to his studies and graduated from Emmerick Manual Training High School in Indianapolis. He attended Purdue University and, following graduation in 1907, obtained employment in the emerging automobile industry. During a distinguished business career, Mr. Reuter held a number of positions in the management of General Motors Corporation in the United States and abroad. He and his wife, Jeannett, had one child, Wilma, who died in 1923 at the age of eleven.

Mr. Reuter created The Janirve Foundation in 1954 and arranged for it to become active in distributing its assets upon the death of his wife, which occurred in 1984. Since that time, The Janirve Foundation has made over 1,300 grants for projects and programs in a variety of fields. The Irving Jacob Reuter Award Program represents a continuation of the work of The Janirve Foundation in carrying out the wishes of Mr. Reuter.

ELIGIBILITY

One annual scholarship of \$12,000, renewable for three more years (for a possible total scholarship of \$48,000), is available to a graduating senior from any public high school in Buncombe or Madison counties. Graduating seniors from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) or the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) and with permanent homes in Buncombe or Madison counties are also eligible. In addition to the renewable award recipient, up to five (5) other finalists will receive one-time honorary awards of \$1,000. All awards are made for full-time attendance at an approved U.S. college or university in the fall following the award.

Approved U.S. institutions are those at which federal student aid (grants, loans and work-study) may be applied. To check online if a school is approved, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and search for a school code. All schools with assigned codes qualify.

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.

DESIRED APPLICANT QUALITIES, in order of importance

- Superior academic achievement/potential
- Strong moral character
- Community service/extracurricular activities/work experience
- Success in dealing with life's challenges

Life is full of challenges, large and small, and applicants need not have faced dramatic challenges to be seriously considered for this award. ***The successful candidate will be an exceptional student first and foremost. As a guide, past recipients have on average placed in the top 1-2% of their class, earned a 4.8+ (weighted) GPA, and scored higher than 2200 on their SATs.***

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, students must complete an application available in the office of the guidance/college counselor of Buncombe and Madison high schools; the Director of Academic Programs at NCSSM; and the Assistant Dean of High School Academic Programs at UNCSCA. The application with required attachments (see checklist on page 3 of the application) must be returned to the high school contact on or before the deadline.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

Based on the stated criteria, each high school scholarship committee will review all submitted applications, select two semi-finalists, and forward those two applications to The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina.

The Reuter Advisory Committee will review all semi-finalist applications, select and interview up to six finalists, and determine one recipient. The recipient and all semi-finalists, finalists, and participating counselors will be notified of the committee's selection. Scholarship recipients are selected on an objective and competitive basis, considering the stated criteria for the scholarship.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Payment of scholarship awards will be made at the beginning of the school year. Each check will be payable to the college and will be mailed directly to the student's choice of any approved public or private four-year college or university within the U.S.

Renewal of the award is contingent upon CFWNC's receipt of an official transcript documenting satisfactory performance (cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher). Recipients agree by accepting the award to forward their transcripts to CFWNC at the end of each academic year for which they received scholarship support. An official transcript is one obtained from the institution (not online) which bears an official seal.

The recipient of the renewable scholarship will be contacted each summer at the address on file to request payment instructions for the next installment.

**DOWNLOAD THE IRVING JACOB REUTER AWARD APPLICATION,
CONTACT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT FOR AN APPLICATION,
OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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