



The Community Foundation
of Western North Carolina

MURICE C. TALLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Fact Sheet

DESCRIPTION

The Murice C. Talley Memorial Scholarship was established by his family to honor his life and his commitment to ensuring that young people are encouraged to continue their education after high school and are able to access the financial resources to do so.

Murice Talley was a leader in the furniture industry in Morganton and Burke County and made his home here for many years. He believed in the worth of every individual and was a beloved boss and colleague, known for providing encouragement and support whenever it was needed. This scholarship honors that special legacy and is intended to convey to its recipients what Mr. Talley would want them to know and believe about themselves: each person has special gifts and the potential to use them to better themselves, their family and our community.

ELIGIBILITY

Up to three (3) \$1,000 scholarships, renewable for one year, are offered this year to graduating seniors from Avery County's Crossnore Academy, Burke County's East Burke and Freedom high schools, and the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton, who will attend any accredited community college or 4-year college or university in the U.S., and be enrolled in a full-time course of study.

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.

CRITERIA

Strong moral character

Financial need

Academic ability (*preference* given to students with an unweighted GPA of 2.0 - 3.3)

Commitment to complete a 2-year or 4-year degree

Community service - contributions to school and community

Extracurricular activities and/or work experience

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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

ESSAY OR EQUIVALENT

An essay is not required for this scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS

A committee of at least three persons at each high school, including the Senior Guidance Counselor and/or the Principal, will review all applications according to the stated criteria and select the finalists. The finalists' applications, including all attachments, will then be forwarded to The Community Foundation. A Scholarship Committee of The Community Foundation will review all finalist applications and select recipients. All finalists will receive written notification of the results.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the school at the beginning of the freshman year. Scholarships are renewable for one additional year, depending on each student's satisfactory performance.

Each 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 he/she attended at the end of each 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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