

Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarship Websites /Resources:

- <http://www.cfnc.org>
- <http://www.fastweb.com>
- <http://www.brokescholar.com>
- <http://www.scholarship.com>
- <http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory>
- <http://www.studentscholarships.org/>

SportsQuest – Playing With Purpose Scholarship – Due February 1, 2015

Applying student athletes must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

1. Currently a high school sophomore, junior or senior
2. Maintains a minimum "C" grade average or higher
3. Currently a varsity level athlete in one or more sports
4. A committed follower of Jesus Christ

Apply online at www.playingwithpurpose.org

The Gallery Collection – Annual Create-A-Greeting-Card \$10,000 Scholarship Contest- Deadline February 25, 2016

Available to 9th-12th graders. 1 submission per person per year. Submit Photo, artwork, or computer graphic for the front of greeting card & designs should be appropriate for business and consumer use. Entry must be original work and should not exceed 16" x 23" and horizontal.

Check out website for more information: <http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

Lenoir Rhyne Teaching Scholars Scholarship Program- Priority given to students who apply by January 10, 2016

- Applicants should have a record of academic excellence and portray a deep desire to serve students through a career in teaching.
 - The program provides scholarships of \$5,500 per year for four years. The average LR student eligible for this program receives approximately \$16,000/year in aid.
 - Learn more or apply today by visiting <http://edu.lr.edu/teachingscholars>
- *Priority consideration will be given to applications received by **January 10th**, however, applications will continue to be accepted beyond this date until all scholarships have been awarded.

Everett and Trudy Suddreth Scholarships of Excellence- Due April 4, 2016.

Who Is Eligible...

- A spouse or dependent of a permanent, full-time employee of a CFIC Retail, Wholesale or Supplier Member Company. (*Employee must be employed for at least one-year as of 1/1/15.*)
 - Any student who at a minimum is a part-time employee of a CFIC Retail, Wholesale or Supplier Member Company. (*Student must be employed for at least six-months as of 1/1/15.*)
- NOTE: The food industry employee (whether a parent or student) must work at a Retail, Wholesale or Supplier Member Company location in North or South Carolina, and must be employed at the time the winners are selected in May. Qualified scholarship recipients may attend a college located in any state.*
- NOTE: Extra credit will be given to students who are currently employed in the grocery industry and/or students who are enrolled in an accredited food industry undergraduate curriculum (i.e. Culinary Arts).*

How To Apply...

- Visit our website at www.cficweb.org to print a copy of the application. If you do not have access to a computer and need an application mailed please call (919) 832-0811.

Mail completed application and official transcript to
CFIC Attn: Scholarship PO Box 1030 Raleigh, NC 27602.

Completed applications and official transcripts must be post-marked by **April 4, 2016.**

NC Retail Merchants Scholarship Due April 4, 2016.

Eligibility:

Those eligible to apply are NC residents who are high school seniors and college freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are:

1) Dependents or spouse of NCRMA-member employee, or fulltime employees of NCRMA member firms. (Parent of dependent employee, or full-time employee must be employed for at least one year as of 1/1/15 and employed at the time the scholarship is awarded.)

2) Part-time employees of NCRMA member businesses who are full-time students. (Part-time employees must have been employed by the NCRMA member store for at least six months as of 1/1/15 and employed at the time the scholarship is awarded.)

Note: *If you need to verify NC Retail Merchants Association member status, please call NCRMA at (919) 832-0811. All applicants or parents of applicants must still be employed by a NCRMA member company at the time winners are selected in April.*

How To Apply:

Apply online at www.retailpaysforcollege.org, or print a copy of the application. If you do not have access to a computer and need an application mailed, please call (919) 832-0811.

Mail completed application and official transcript to:

Retail - Consumer Alliance Foundation Attn: Scholarship
PO Box 1030, Raleigh, NC 27602

Completed applications and official transcripts must be post-marked by April 4, 2016

SunTrust Off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes - Deadline: May 13 , 2016

- Free to enter and eligibility not based on GPA or financial need
- Fifteen chances to win with one winner chosen every two weeks from October to May

Enter online at : <http://offtocollege.info>

NC Scholarship Program for Children of War Veterans

In appreciation for the service and sacrifices of NC's war veterans, a scholarship program at NC approved schools has been established for qualifying children of a certain class or category of deceased, disabled, combat, or POW/MIA veterans.

Contact the Catawba County Veterans Office at (828) 465-8255 or write to:

District Office
NC Division of Veterans Affairs
306 4th Street SW
Hickory, NC 28602

National Co-op Scholarship Program Postmarked by February 15, 2016

- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 unweighted
- Apply and be accepted for the 2015-2016 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions
 - Clarkson University
 - Drexel University
 - Johnson and Wales University
 - Kettering University
 - Merrimack College
 - Rochester Institute of Technology

- State University of New York Oswego
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Massachusetts Lowell
- The University of Toledo
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Must complete the program application including a typed one page essay (200 words) describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program.
- To complete the application online please visit: www.waceinc.org

CVCC Foundation Scholarship

The CVCC foundation provides several scholarships. To apply students should submit an Admissions Application and then an e-mail will be sent about the CVCC foundation scholarships. For more information visit http://www.cvcc.edu/About_Us/CVCC_Foundation/index.cfm

NCHSAA - Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship – Due February 13, 2016

Awarded to one senior male high school athlete participating on the varsity *wrestling* team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school and one senior female high school athlete participating on the varsity cross-country team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school. Visit <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

NCHSAA - Jerry McGee Endowed Student Scholarship Due February 13, 2016

Will be available September 2015. Awarded to two senior year high school student-athletes from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools each year. This award is unique because it honors both male and female student-athletes who have distinguished themselves by overcoming adversity and returned to excel beyond expectations in their scholastic athletic sport(s).

Visit <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

NCHSAA - Pat Gainey Student Award Due February 13, 2016

To provide scholarship support for two student-athletes with a focus on need-based applicants. Applicants must be either a Senior, Male high school athlete participating on a varsity baseball team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school within a county of limited financial resources or a Senior, Female student high school athlete participating on a varsity sports team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school within a county of limited financial resources.

Visit <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

NCHSAA - Tony Cullen Memorial Scholarship Due February 13, 2016

To provide scholarship support for one senior male high school student athlete participating on the varsity level lacrosse team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school.

Visit <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

NCHSAA - Wilburn Clary Medal Award Due February 13, 2016

Awarded to one male and one female graduating senior student-athlete participating on a sanctioned varsity sport team during his/her senior year at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member school. Athlete must have participated on at least two sanctioned varsity sports during his/her high school career.

Visit <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

NCHSAA - Willie Bradshaw Memorial Endowed Scholarship Due February 13, 2016

To provide scholarship support to an outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native* and/or Asian Pacific Islander American**, or Hispanic American student-athlete participating on a sanctioned varsity team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member school. Award Process: One male and one female from each of the eight regions will be selected to receive a \$750 scholarship each to further their educa-

tion. From the pool of sixteen (16) regional winners, one male and female will be selected as overall state winners and receive an additional \$1,000 each.

Visit <http://www.nchsa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>

CVC- Professional Construction Estimators Association- Kenneth N. Houston Memorial Scholarships- Due April 25, 2016

At least one scholarship of around \$1,000 is awarded each year.

In choosing recipients, the selection committee considers academic performance, desire to enter construction related fields, financial need, community activities, and letters of recommendation and character reference.

Applicants are urged to be thorough in providing information that documents academic performance, financial need, and service to the community. Applicants should include a letter written to the selection committee that makes clear the applicant's plans for the future, reasons for pursuing a construction related career, and that may also relate some of the applicant's personal philosophy.

Completed applications should be mailed to P.O. Box 3463 Hickory, NC 28603 by the end of April. The Scholarship committee will announce recipients by the end of May.

Applications are available in Student Services.

John Hoyle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution – Due March 15, 2016

- Offered to Catawba County Women
- At least one \$500+ scholarship
- Must plan to attend an institution of higher learning.
- Attach a copy of the FASFA, transcript, 3 letters of recommendation, and a short essay including goals and aspirations for the future.

Applications found in Student Services

Alice Spuller

3131 9th St. Dr. NE Unit 15

Hickory, NC 28601

UNCG Teacher Education Fellows

Must apply to UNCG and

- Be a NC Resident
- Major in Elementary, Middle, High School, or Special Education
- 3.8 weighted cumulative high school GPA
- Minimum 1100 SAT (verbal and math) or 24 ACT composite score
- Responses to additional essay questions on the undergraduate admissions application.

Apply online at <http://oss.uncg.edu/teaching-fellows> *Priority is given to those that apply by January 1, 2016*

Jackie Robinson Foundation – Deadline February 15, 2016

Senior who is a minority, plans to attend four year accredited institution, shows leadership potential, dedication to community service, evidence of financial need, US Citizen, and have minimum of 1000 SAT (math & Reading only) or 21 on the ACT. Visit www.JackieRobinson.org

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship – Deadline June 10, 2016

Students must submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the following website:

<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

NCSU School of Education Scholarship Awards Program - Applications received by March 5, 2016 will be given first consideration.

The college of education offers a limited number of scholarships to incoming students based on merit and/or need. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are only for students who are currently enrolled in or have been admitted to the College of Education by January 30, 2015. Visit <http://ced.ncsu.edu/admissions/scholarships> for more information or to apply.

Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship- Due February 5, 2016

The Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship (FKMS) honors the memory of the first president of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of North Carolina, Florence Hill Kidder. \$3,000, is awarded annually to a high school senior who plans to attend a college or university in North Carolina. The runner-up receives \$1,000. The scholarship is not renewable and is awarded every year to a different applicant. Requirements for application:

1. A completed application form answering all questions.
2. A separate listing of extracurricular activities, honors, community work and work experience.
3. A current photograph.
4. An unofficial transcript of grades, including first semester senior courses if possible and current GPA.
5. A letter of recommendation from one of the student's teachers in pdf format.
6. Original essay of 500 to 700 words – topic found online at the link below

For more information visit: <http://www.ncdames.org/florence-kidder-memorial-scholarship>

Catawba College West Teaching Scholars

- Must apply to Catawba College
- \$2500 in addition to academic scholarships awarded by Catawba
- Must have a combined SAT score (quantitative + critical reading scores) of 1100 or equivalent and a GPA of 3.4
- List 3 references
- Brief essay

To apply: <http://catawba.edu/academics/schools/education/teacher-education/academy-teachi/teaching-scholars/>

WKBC Scholarship – Postmarked by April 15, 2016

- \$5,000 Scholarship
- Must provide an official transcript
- Provide two letters of recommendation
- Write an essay describing why you are interested in Broadcasting and which career path you wish to pursue. (Essay must be typed and at least 500 words)

Applications available in Student Services Questions can be emailed to info@wkbcradio.com

Big Sun Scholarship – June 17, 2016

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in.

The successful applicant will be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution or in the community.

Visit <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply.

Caldwell County Nurserymen's Association Scholarship - Must be postmarked by March 31, 2016

- 1) Applicant must be a full-time (12+ semester hours) student enrolled in a horticulture program at an accredited school.
- 2) Applicant must be a high school senior or returning college student majoring in ornamental horticulture at a North Carolina school and must have a sincere intent to enter or be involved in the ornamental

horticulture or landscape industry.

- 3) Applicant must attach to this application form the current official (with seal) high school or college transcripts for each school attended. Last completed college semester must be on the transcript. Contact schools early in order to receive your transcripts in time to mail with this application.
- 4) Applicant should be recommended in writing by at least two (2) of the following: a member of the Caldwell County Nurserymen's Association, most recent employer, horticultural or landscape instructor, counselor, club advisor, church leader, or other persons qualified to attest to your abilities, character, and scholastic ability. Attach all references to your application as they are very helpful in assisting the committee in their selection of recipients.
- 5) Students who have previously received this scholarship are eligible to apply again.

Mail to: Attn: Amanda Taylor, NCCES - Caldwell Center, 120 Hospital Ave, NE, Suite # 1, Lenoir, NC 28645

Aspiring Fashion Professional – June 1, 2016

\$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college visit www.fashion-schools.org and find the scholarship located at the bottom of the page and click on it.

Aspiring Animation Professional – June 1, 2016

\$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Visit website, <http://www.animationcareerreview.com/> to find eligibility information along with the online application. The scholarship will be on the right side of the page and click on it.

New Covenant Church of God – March 31, 2016

\$500 one-time non-renewable scholarship for student in financial need

Complete application found in Student Services

Submit application, teacher recommendation, and transcript including 1st semester senior grades to:

Scholarship Chairman

New Covenant Church of God

1286 Henry River Rd.

Hickory, NC 28602

For questions – call the church at 828-322-1463

Golden Leaf Scholarship – March 1, 2016

- The scholarship provides \$3,000 a year for up to 4 years to high school seniors and \$3,000 a year for up to 3 years to community college transfer students
- Be a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes.
- Be a high school senior enrolling full-time as a first-year student or a community college transfer student enrolling for the first time at [any participating North Carolina college or university](#).
- Have financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Candidates must submit a Golden LEAF scholarship application available at <http://cfnc.org/goldenleaf>, a FAFSA application, and a current high school transcript no later than March 1.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship- Deadline-Must be postmarked by March 31, 2016

- Applicants must be **NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS** enrolled in a public high school in their senior year.
- Criteria for selection include character, community involvement and scholastic achievement. Individuals meeting these qualifications may access the application forms one of three ways:
 - <http://www.NCAE.org>

- <http://www.NCFPSC.org>
- Come by student services

The applicant must send a completed application package that consists of:

- a) A completed application form;
- b) Resume of accomplishments, extra-curricular activities, scholarships, affiliations, organizations
- c) Philosophies of Dr. King
- d) A one-page essay “Why do you think you deserve this scholarship?”
- e) An official transcript must be embossed, signed and sealed with a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.5
- f) Two letters of recommendation: (Signed letters of recommendation must be given to the applicant in a sealed envelope)

-one (1) letter must be from applicant’s school personnel (recommendation must be on school letterhead)

-one (1) letter must be from applicant’s community

Scholarship package must be postmarked by March 31, 2016 and sent to:

NCAE Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship
 c/o Human and Civil Rights Commission - Derevana Leach
 PO Box 27347
 Raleigh, NC 27611

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program – Deadline February 29, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Applicants must:

- Be high school seniors, high school graduates, or current postsecondary undergraduate students.
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university based in the U.S. or Puerto Rico for the entire 2015–16 academic year. Proprietary and online schools are not eligible.
- Plan to major in a specified course of study that focuses on Engineering, Technology, or select Design and Business related programs of study. See the list of [eligible majors](#).
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industries using these areas of study.
- Be U.S. citizens and have permanent residence in the United States or Puerto Rico.

Excluded from consideration are employees and relatives of employees of Scholarship Management Services, Scholarship America and their affiliates and subcontractors, and GM Foundation directors, officers and staff and their relatives. Although GM employees are not eligible, relatives of General Motors employees are eligible.

Award Criteria

Scholarship recipients are selected based on the following factors:

- Academic achievement and financial need
- Participation and leadership in community and school activities, work experience and interest in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industries
- Please note, special consideration will be given to the following applicants: first-generation college attendees, females, minorities, military veterans and dependents of military personnel

The majority of the scholarships will be awarded to students majoring in STEM disciplines.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services. All scholarship recipients may be subject to a criminal background check. Recipients of a Buick Achievers Scholarship shall not commit any act that indicates dishonesty or moral turpitude or that otherwise could materially injure the GM Foundation, Buick or General Motors Company’s reputation. If such an act is committed by a Buick Achievers Scholarship Program recipient, the Buick Achievers Scholarship award shall immediately be revoked.

Award Amounts

The Buick Achievement Scholarship Program is offering:

- Up to \$25,000 per year to 50 first-time or existing college students, renewable for up to four years, and one additional year for those entering a qualified five-year engineering program

• The actual award amount will not exceed the total cost of the student's tuition, fees, books, supplies, required equipment, room and board and other allowable expenses, less other gift aid known at the time of application (scholarships, grants and other awards that do not have to be paid back). Awards are renewable for the given years noted above or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon maintaining a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), full-time enrollment and continuing to major in an eligible field of study.

Visit <https://buickachievers.scholarshipamerica.org/> to apply

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship Deadline February 1st

- Up to 375 winners nationwide
- Scholarships of \$2,500
- Only the first 10,000 applications will be accepted. **APPLY EARLY**

Visit www.axa-achievement.com for more information and to apply

The Rotary Club of Lake Hickory –Postmarked by March 11, 2016

- Students must be in the top 20% of the graduating class
- Financial Need should be emphasized in application
- Recommendation from Counselor and 2 others
- 4 year scholarship
- Major basis is “Service Above Self”

For more information visit www.lakehickoryrotary.org Click on “Our Projects” and “Scholarship Program” Applications can be found online or in Student Services

PTO Scholarship – Due April 29, 2016

Two \$500 scholarships awarded based upon selection from the Scholarship Committee

- Must be a graduating Senior in 2015
- Financial assistance as evidenced by a need of 50% or more of the cost of college expenses.
- Senior has not accepted multiple scholarships or a full-tuition scholarship.
- Student has an overall grade point average at or above 2.5.
- Student has expressed interest in pursuing higher education and is planning to attend either a 2 year or 4 year college or technical school.
- Student has not had a Class III or Class IV suspension from Fred T. Foard High.School at any time during the 4-year period (grades 9 through 12) and to include same period of time for transfer students (as evidenced by their transcripts and school documentation).

Applications available in Student Services or on the Fred T. Foard High School website under PTO

2016 Student View Scholarship Program – Deadline April 22, 2016

- Offering scholarships to high school seniors who plan to attend a four-year college, community/junior college, or career school
- There is no minimum SAT/ACT or GPA, essay, or application fee
- Scholarship will be awarded via a random drawing of all completed applications. Winner will be announced in May 2016
- Log onto www.studentinsights.com to complete the application

Betty and Ken Isaac Scholarship Foundation – Deadline March 31, 2016

1. Complete the application
2. Attach transcript
3. SAT/ACT scores
4. 2 letters of recommendation
5. Personal Statement
6. Mail the completed application to:
The Betty and Ken Isaac Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
Attention Julie Carroll
3536 Caldwell Road
Newton, NC 28658

Applications are available in Student Services.

Mary Catherine Shivers Scholarship Fund (The Green Room) Due April 29, 2016

- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior (from any high school or home school).
- The applicant must have been active in drama and/or community theatre (acting, backstage, volunteering, etc.). Added consideration will be given to applicants who have been involved with The Green Room.
- The applicant must have maintained average or above average grades.
- The applicant must complete the total scholarship application packet and submit it to the office of The Green Room for consideration by the application deadline (postmarked by Friday, April 29, 2016)
- The applicant must attach a copy of his/her high school transcript or make arrangements for it to be provided to the scholarship committee by the application deadline (postmarked by Friday, April 29, 2016).
- The applicant must attach three (3) letters of recommendation to the application. One of these should be from a person who has a personal knowledge of applicant's theatrical skills. Family members cannot write letters of recommendation.
- The applicant must be preparing to pursue further education in the arts, either performing or visual.
- The applicant's application must be typed or printed in black ink.

Mail completed application packet to:
The Green Room Community Theatre, Inc.
Sherry Butler
P.O. Box 1317
Newton, NC 28658

Bob and Michelle McCreary (The Green Room) Scholarship Fund – Due April 29, 2016

- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior (from any high school or home school).
- The applicant must have demonstrated leadership, community service and volunteerism through various school/church/theatre/clubs or other community organizations.
- The applicant must have been active in drama and/or community theatre (acting, backstage, volunteering, etc.). Added consideration will be given to applicants who have been involved with The Green Room
- The applicant must have maintained average or above average grades.
- The applicant must complete the total scholarship application packet and submit it to the office of The Green Room for consideration by the application deadline (postmarked by Friday, April 29, 2016).
- The applicant must attach a copy of his/her high school transcript or make arrangements for it to be provided to the scholarship committee by the application deadline (postmarked by Friday, April 29, 2016).
- The applicant must attach three (3) letters of recommendation to the application. One of these should be from a person who has a personal knowledge of applicant's volunteer work. Family members cannot write letters of recommendation.
- The applicant's application must be typed or printed in black ink.

The Green Room Community Theatre, Inc.
Sherry Butler
P.O. Box 1317
Newton, NC 28658

Service League of Hickory Scholarship – Due March 18, 2016 to Mrs. Ward

Foard can nominate 2 students based on the following criteria:

- Financial aid (Family income can not be above \$60,000)
- Academic Excellence
- Leadership
- Work Ethic

The families 2015 Federal Income Tax Return Forms should be included in the packet that is turned in to the scholarship office.

Application packets must include:

- Completed Application Form
- Resume including a list of any/all activities and employment
- A list of all colleges applied to and current admission status
- 2 letters of recommendation- one from a high school teacher and another from a non-relative (employer, pastor, etc)
- Personal statement (one page) details/specifics on the application packet
- A recent photo

SECU Foundation “People Helping People” April 15, 2016

Criteria:

1. Is a senior at a North Carolina traditional public high school who has been accepted to one of the 17 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina.
2. Is a US citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1, and is eligible for in-state tuition.
3. Best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, “People Helping People” and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
4. Demonstrates scholastic achievement with a maintained 2.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and may be deserving of financial aid.
5. Will use the scholarship to pay for full-time *undergraduate* student tuition.
6. Agrees to continue as a full-time student in good standing with the same university for up to eight (8) consecutive fall/spring semesters payable at \$1,250. “Scholarships are not transferable without prior approval of SECU Foundation.
 - a. A written appeal for transfer must be made to the SECU Foundation prior to transfer.
 - b. No transfers will be allowed to a university outside of the UNC System.
 - c. No lapse in proper registration, or break in consecutive semesters, will be allowed.
7. Is not a Director, employee, or family member of an employee of the State Employees’ Credit Union or the SECU Foundation.

To apply, submit a resume and a 1-2 page essay (typed, double spaced) demonstrating how you show leadership, excellence in character, integrity, and community involvement to Mrs. Ward no later than April 15, 2016