



# 2023

## Kirby Handbook of Polk County Area Scholarships

Polk County Community Foundation  
scholarship applications for high school students  
graduating in the Class of 2023 are due in 2022.

The due date is:

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022**  
**at 5:00 p.m.**



Please contact the Foundation for more information  
about our scholarship programs and applications:

**Full Application**

**for Graduating High School Seniors**

*(for many types of education after high school)*

**Short Form Application**

**for Graduating High School Seniors**

*(for job career training programs only)*

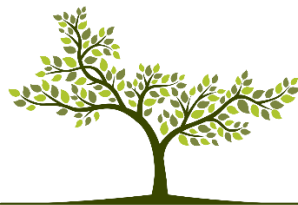
**Adult Scholarship Application**

**for Adults Going Back to School**

*(for adults seeking many types of  
post-secondary education)*

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A public charity founded in 1975, the Polk County Community Foundation is funded solely by gifts and bequests from people who want to enhance the quality of life in Polk County and Landrum. The Foundation receives these charitable donations and then distributes grants and scholarships in accordance with donors' wishes. Donors and nonprofit organizations have many simple and flexible fund options to help them meet their charitable goals.

The Foundation manages more than 200 funds, including permanent endowed funds, non-permanent funds and charitable remainder trusts. Some funds are for scholarships for local students, some support local organizations specified by the donors, some are for projects of interest to the donors, and some are unrestricted. The unrestricted funds are awarded on a competitive basis by the Foundation and allow the Foundation to address the needs and wants of the community as they change over time. As of June 2022, assets exceeded \$65 million.



### **For More Information**

Our **President & CEO**, Sara Bell, works with donors to design charitable giving plans and establish funds to benefit designated nonprofits or the general needs and wants of our community. Sara's email is [sbell@polkccf.org](mailto:sbell@polkccf.org)

Our **Director of Grants**, Noah Wood, assists organizations and students with accessing the Foundation's many grantmaking resources. Noah's email is [grants@polkccf.org](mailto:grants@polkccf.org)

For general information, please call 828-859-5314, email [foundation@polkccf.org](mailto:foundation@polkccf.org), visit [polkccf.org](http://polkccf.org) or stop by 255 South Trade Street in Tryon, NC.

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## Recommended Financial Aid Resources

**All students** are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form online at [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa). Submitting a FAFSA helps millions of students pay for higher education through grants, loans and work-study funds. Colleges require the FAFSA when evaluating financial aid. For example, this is how students qualify for Pell grants. There is no charge for the FAFSA if you go to the official FAFSA website.

**Polk County, North Carolina students** should speak with your guidance counselor regarding resources available from the College Foundation of North Carolina that help students plan, apply, and pay for college. More information about the College Foundation is available by visiting [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) or calling 866-866-CFNC (2362).

**Landrum, South Carolina students** should speak with your guidance counselor regarding the numerous scholarship and grant opportunities for students attending South Carolina public or independent institutions. More information about South Carolina grants and scholarships is available by visiting [che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScholarshipsGrantsforSCResidents.aspx](http://che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScholarshipsGrantsforSCResidents.aspx) or calling 803-737-2262 or 803-737-2244.

*These resources are recommended by the Polk County Community Foundation as first steps to research financial aid information.*

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## Note to Families

It's no secret that the cost of a college education depends greatly on the school you choose. Colleges and universities also have different ways that they can help students pay for their education and different ways of calculating how much assistance they can provide. A student's financial aid package will hopefully include outside scholarships, like those awarded by the Polk County Community Foundation. It might also include grants and scholarships from the school itself, federal aid like Pell Grants, student loans, a work-study job, and other forms of financial aid. Some schools promise to meet 100% of a student's need while others may leave a "gap" that the family is expected to pay. In some cases, schools may reduce their own aid because of outside scholarships awarded to a student.

The Community Foundation awards scholarships with the goal of saving families money, not reducing institutional aid that would otherwise be granted to students. We encourage you to talk with financial aid offices to learn more about the kinds of assistance they offer. Ask how outside scholarships are treated and how they affect the school's aid package. If possible, it may be helpful to see what your aid package looks like without any outside scholarships factored in so that you can know whether outside scholarships have a positive or negative impact on your tuition bill.

We are always happy to work with families and schools to maximize the benefits of our awards to students. Please contact us with any questions about our scholarships.

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**Scholarships Available through the  
Polk County Community Foundation  
Competitive Scholarship Program**

Available to Polk County students  
Limited scholarships are available for Landrum residents\*

\* Please refer to the application for additional guidance.

# Polk County Community Foundation Scholarships

## Contact Information:

For additional scholarship information, please contact:

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Polk County Community Foundation  
255 South Trade Street, Tryon, North Carolina 28782  
828-859-5314    grants@polkccf.org

## Application Source:

- Polk County Community Foundation office
- Polk County Public Libraries and high schools
- Website: [polkccf.org/applications](http://polkccf.org/applications)

Educational Awards at the Polk County Community Foundation begin with the passion of donors who create and contribute to our scholarship funds. Their philanthropic desires are put into action through a variety of awards that support students in our community who wish to further their education past high school.

Awards are given on a competitive basis to those individuals who intend to continue their education or training at a recognized college, university, technical, vocational, or other accredited post-secondary educational institution. We have awards for high school seniors and adults returning to school.

Students only need to complete one application form to apply for scholarships awarded by the Polk County Community Foundation. These scholarships are awarded by the Scholarship Committee of the Community Foundation in accordance with the donor's criteria. The criteria for these scholarships are listed in this scholarship booklet. Contact the Foundation for guidance on which application to submit.

Scholarship Committee members are volunteers from our community who are screened to avoid any potential conflicts of interest. The committee works hard to match the unique talents and accomplishments of students with the criteria established by the donors. The committee is responsible for reviewing and voting on all complete applications before meeting to make award decisions, which are then reviewed and approved by the Board.

The process for awarding scholarships is always competitive, with more applications being received than awards available. The first step towards receiving a scholarship is to submit a complete application. You are encouraged to contact the Director of Grants at the Community Foundation well in advance of the deadline to review your application and certify that it is complete and submitted on time.

In 2022, more than 70 qualifying seniors and adults going back to school received awards to pursue post-secondary education. All Foundation awards are a minimum of \$1,000. Increased donor gifts now allow the Polk County Community Foundation to award approximately \$300,000 each year to qualified local students.

**A Leg Up Scholarship**

Awarded to one or more students in the area seeking training in technical, vocational or craftsmanship skills such as veterinary technician, carpentry, and cabinetmaking or culinary.

**Jack H. Albertson Educational Award**

Awarded to a young man who is a high school senior in Polk County Schools on the basis of need and ability.

**John A. Albertson Educational Award**

Awarded to a young man who is a high school senior in Polk County Schools on the basis of need and ability.

**Margery W. Bain-Franklin Scholarship**

Awarded to a graduating high school senior who will be pursuing a degree in voice or piano at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. Students must have graduated from a private or public secondary school and be no more than 20 years old. Residents of the Town of Tryon are preferred, but other students in Polk County and Landrum are encouraged to apply. This \$5,000 award is renewable for the second and fourth years of study at NCSA provided the student is making satisfactory progress.

**Susan P. Barbour Scholarship**

Awarded to a local high school senior.

**Polly C. and Carroll G. Bennett Scholarship**

Awarded at the discretion of the Foundation.

**Allan C. & Anne B. Boas Scholarship**

Awarded to a graduating senior residing in Polk County, NC or the surrounding area, as determined by the Foundation, who has been admitted to a four-year college. The criteria for the award of this scholarship shall be financial need, academic achievement and community service (which may include applicable school activities). Using the same criteria, this scholarship may be renewable by the same recipient up to three subsequent years in college.

**Bradley Puddin' Hill Awards**

Awarded to Polk County students at the discretion of the Foundation.

**G. Freeman and Elizabeth M. Brooks Scholarship**

This fund is for one or more post-secondary scholarships to be awarded annually with preference given to candidates, if any, pursuing a career in medicine or nursing. This scholarship should have such other award criteria as the Foundation may from time to time determine and there should be consideration given to the financial need of the student or students. This scholarship may be renewed up to three subsequent years provided the student has continued financial need and maintains a 3-point (B) grade point average.

**Sara & Henry Burrus Scholarship**

This endowment is for an annual scholarship to a deserving Polk County student. The selection committee will give consideration to the following factors when judging applicants for this award: (1) High school scholastic achievement - 40%; (2) Need - 40%; and (3) Qualities of leadership and community responsibility - 20%. To qualify for a scholarship, the recipient must

be accepted or enrolled as a fulltime undergraduate student in a college or university that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools under the standards of the College Delegate Assembly of said association.

**Evelyn and Van Harrison Butler Scholarship**

This scholarship is for students desiring to pursue agricultural or veterinary medicine college degrees. This scholarship is for students demonstrating financial need who live in Polk County.

**J. Harwood Cochrane Educational Award**

The donor's intent was to set up a scholarship program of perhaps a thousand dollars to see a student through college to complete a degree. The selection should not be a top student or necessarily a disadvantaged student, but someone who might not be able to go to college due to grades, family circumstances or other, to help them upgrade themselves and their family.

**John Lewis Craddock Educational Awards Fund**

Awarded at the discretion of the Foundation.

**Gordon L. Foote Educational Award**

Awarded at the discretion of the Foundation.

**Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Scholarship Program**

Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes scholarships are awarded by the Polk County Community Foundation to graduating high school seniors as well as students who take no more than one year off between high school and college. Students must be residents of Polk County and have demonstrated excellence in scholarship (top 10% of their high school class). The Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Scholarship Program allows students to renew their scholarships each year for a total of four years provided that the student maintains a "B" average or better and is continuously enrolled and making satisfactory progress.

**Annette W. Hysham Scholarship**

This scholarship fund is for disadvantaged young people of the community to permit them to carry out the advancement of their professional or occupational goals.

**Phil J. Hysham Scholarship**

Awarded to a graduating senior in the Polk County area for use in the applied academic area (could be a course for educational or vocational training).

**Kirby Endowment Fund Back-to-School Scholarship for Adults**

Awarded to assist one or more adults, 22 years of age or older, who seek to improve their professional, trade, or work skills. Financial need and dedication to worthy fields of endeavor are prime requisites for the award.

**Kirby Endowment Scholarship for College Students Fund**

Awarded to a local scholar of top academic standing on the basis of need to help cover the cost of attending a leading liberal arts college or university.

**John G. Landrum, Jr. Educational Awards Program**

Awarded to graduating seniors on the basis of academic achievement.

## **Polk County Community Foundation Awards ... continued**

### **Mary Evelyn & Harry Laurent Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship is for a student seeking a degree at an accredited college, university, technical institute, or community college who demonstrates a clear-cut educational objective in his or her course of study and whose ability to continue his or her education will be impacted substantially by the scholarship award. Recipients of the scholarships will be only those students who graduate in the top 25% of their class (students in magnet high schools are exempt from this requirement). Preference is given to full-time students and those who are full-time or part-time employees of Tryon Estates or the children or grandchildren of employees of Tryon Estates. This scholarship may be renewed for three consecutive years in college, provided the recipient demonstrates satisfactory progress in school. The preference is for larger and fewer grants.

### **Marjorie's Community Award**

Awarded to a student who lives in Polk County and plans to attend a career training school in our area. This award is intended for students who live here and plan to make Polk County their home.

### **James A. & Renée R. McDermott Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship should be awarded using the following criteria:

Eligible students will reside within Polk County, North Carolina or within other close-by areas the Foundation serves.

The scholarship will be used to fund costs of undergraduate study in a liberal arts program (i.e., the humanities, mathematics, social sciences, physical or biological sciences, etc.) leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited four year college or university. It is not our intention to create a scholarship to fund an occupational course of study (e.g., business, accounting, engineering, education, health services, etc.).

Beyond this, criteria for selection will be threefold:

1. The recipient should have substantial scholastic aptitude. This could be evidenced by academic performance, scholastic aptitude tests, academic awards, teacher evaluations and the like. Consideration could and should be given to applicants whose scholastic performance has significantly improved during the course of their secondary education even though their overall grade point average may be adversely affected by poorer performance in earlier periods.
2. The recipient should also have demonstrated civic or social achievement potential in some substantial way. This might take the form of substantial and meaningful participation in student government, athletics or other extracurricular activities. Or it could consist of addressing and overcoming a significant physical, economic or social challenge or hardship.
3. Need, broadly defined, will be a selection criterion.

The award should carry with it renewal requirements that the recipient maintain a 3.0 grade point average and have a liberal arts major to continue to receive scholarship assistance in the second and ensuing years of his or her four year undergraduate program.

**Hoyt D. & Tyler B. McEntire Scholarship**

Awarded to a graduating Polk County School System senior on the basis of scholastic record, leadership qualities, ambition, proven industriousness and family income.

**Nathaniel M. & Constance J. McIntyre Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded at the discretion of the Foundation.

**N. Elizabeth Nash Scholarship**

Preference given to a student interested in furthering his or her studies in math, physical science or related technologies.

**Arthur M. Nelson Scholarship**

A recipient of this scholarship should meet his or her state's scholars diploma requirements, be active in school and community (church, hospital, job, etc.), and have a good attendance record in school. This scholarship should be given to a qualified graduating senior from Polk County High School or Landrum High School.

**William F. & Claire B. Nelson Scholarship**

Awarded at the discretion of the Foundation.

**R. Shaw Pettigrew Scholarship**

Awarded on the basis of achievement (scholastic record) and academic distinction to a student wishing to attend an academically distinguished four year college.

**Edward E. & Suzanne K. Plumly Fund**

This scholarship fund is to be distributed for no more than two college level scholarships by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee to local students based primarily on financial need.

**Polk County Community Foundation Annual Scholarship Fund**

Awarded at the discretion of the Foundation.

**Polk County Community Foundation Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded at the discretion of the Foundation.

**Polk County Community Foundation Special Awards**

From time to time, the Foundation Board of Directors creates award programs for students in special circumstances.

**Lelia G. Rainey Nursing Scholarship**

Awarded to a graduating senior who has completed health occupational classes, is a certified nursing assistant, or has served as a junior volunteer at St. Luke's Hospital and who is seeking a degree in nursing. The student must have been a Polk County resident for at least two years and a graduate of either Polk County High School or Landrum High School. This scholarship may be renewed up to four years to obtain a RN degree, provided a 2.75 (C+ GPA) is maintained.

**The Restart Fund**

This fund was designed to allow men and women the chance to follow a passion or even change vocations. This fund is to be used to assist individuals in Polk County and the surrounding area in obtaining training in their chosen fields of endeavors. The recipient should be selected on the basis of need and

## **Polk County Community Foundation Awards ... continued**

enterprise and not on the basis that this training is more “worthy” than that. This is for individuals who want to return to school.

### **Priscilla and Ellis D. Slater Merit Scholarship Award**

Awarded on the basis of merit to one or more high school graduates to help defray the cost of attending the college of their choice.

### **Dudley Smith Educational Funds**

Awarded to graduating seniors wishing to continue their education.

### **David P. & Barbara Stayman Educational Award**

Awarded at the discretion of the Foundation.

### **G. Mildred Steinbach and John F. Steinbach Scholarship Fund**

Awarded to one or more Polk County residents who wish to attend an accredited public or private college or university, community college, or a recognized technical or vocational institution. This award is based on financial need, scholastic achievement and community responsibility. Using the same criteria, this scholarship may be renewed for three consecutive years in college.

### **Tryon Riding & Hunt Club Fund**

This scholarship is to be awarded each year to a worthy student in Polk County with scholastic potential.

### **Tryon Youth Center Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a Polk County resident on the basis of academic achievement (top 50% of the class or comparable for students who do not attend Polk County High School), financial need, and a commitment of service to others (demonstrated by volunteering at school or in the community or caring for family members in need of assistance.).

### **Tryon Youth Center Career Training Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a Polk County resident who wishes to attend a career training program on the basis of academic achievement (which does not have to mean that the student is in the top 50% of the class), financial need and a commitment of service to others (demonstrated by volunteering at school or in the community or caring for family members in need of assistance.).

### **Guilford S. Turner, Jr. Educational Award**

Awarded to a graduating Polk County High School or Polk County Early College senior on the basis of merit.

### **Greek Underwood Scholarship Fund**

This endowed fund shall be used by the Foundation for scholarships to be awarded to a Polk County resident with a preference for students who reside in the Sunny View area. Preference shall be given to a student who will benefit from and value education post high school and who has difficult financial circumstances.

### **Joseph Anthony & Adair McIntyre Wagner Scholarship**

Awarded to local high school seniors (to include Landrum High School) who meet the requirements of need and scholastic standing.

**Tony Wallace Scholarship**

Awarded to a student whose academic and/or life experiences show an understanding of the value of hard work and who seems to understand the importance of personal responsibility.

**Jane Hysham Willis Scholarship**

Awarded to a resident of Polk County or a graduate of Landrum High School on the basis of merit and need. This scholarship may be renewed for three consecutive years in college, provided the recipient maintains a "B" average or better.

**Frances O. & John W. Wilson Fund for Restart Scholarships**

This fund was designed to allow men and women the chance to follow a passion or even change vocations. This fund is to be used to assist individuals in Polk County and the surrounding area in obtaining training in their chosen fields of endeavors. The recipient should be selected on the basis of need and enterprise and not on the basis that this training is more "worthy" than that. This fund is for individuals who want to return to school.

**Robert & Nancy Worsnop Scholarship**

This scholarship is for one or two graduating high school seniors, including home schooled students, who live in Polk County or Landrum. To show that the student will be able to benefit from post high school technical training, the student must have demonstrated sufficient competency in English, math and science related subjects.

The student must plan to complete a one or two year training course at a community college or technical school in his or her chosen field. The training could be for computers, culinary, automotive, finance, carpentry, dental, veterinary or any other field requiring technical training courses. The objective of such additional training is to enable the student to achieve the best position possible in his or her chosen field of endeavor. This award is not for students planning to attend a four year program or for students who are pursuing training in the medical field.



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## **Area Scholarships**

This information is provided by organizations in our community and publicized by the Polk County Community Foundation as a service to local students. The Foundation does not guarantee that listings are accurate. Please check with the organizations for updated information.

Feedback from students regarding the listings in this booklet is helpful in making updates that improve the quality of this resource.

Please contact the Foundation if your organization provides annual scholarships to students in our community that you would like to list in this section.

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## American Legion Memorial Post 250 – Vocational Scholarship

### Eligibility:

Graduating senior, boy or girl, from Polk County High School who will be pursuing higher education at a Vocational Institution leading to a degree or certificate.

### Application Source:

Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Counselor. Selection process coordinated through the office of the Guidance Counselor.

### Other Information:

- Selection criteria stress personal qualities, good citizenship and being a student in good standing, both academically and in personal conduct.

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## Dr. Warren Carson Scholarship

### Eligibility:

- Graduating Polk County High School senior student
- Grades/Success potential in college
- Representing good moral character
- Church
- Involved in activities
- Financial need.

### Application Source:

- Polk County High School Guidance Department, 894-8594
- Polk County Community Foundation
- Polk County Public Library

### Other Information:

- All college bound graduating seniors are welcome to apply. Teachers may also recommend candidates.

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## Community Foundation of Henderson County

### Eligibility:

Community Foundation of Henderson County offers scholarship opportunities to local graduating seniors, current college students, and returning adult education students. See below for details.

### Application Source:

- Visit [cfhcforever.org/grants/scholarships](http://cfhcforever.org/grants/scholarships) to access the Scholarship Portal and complete the online application.
- Applications open November 1, 2022 and close January 31, 2023.
- For questions regarding CFHC's Scholarship Program, contact Wendy Hamil at [whamil@cfhcforever.org](mailto:whamil@cfhcforever.org) or 828-697-6224.

### Other Information & Application Requirements:

- CFHC scholarships range from \$500 - \$8,000 per year, some of which are renewable for up to four years.
- There is only one application to complete for all scholarship opportunities.
- All attached documents must be in a PDF format.
- Academic Transcript(s) are required.
- ACT or SAT scores for graduating high school seniors are required.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report is required.
- Personal Statement: Applicants must submit a 400-600 word statement highlighting their educational goals, qualifications and/or financial need.
- Some Scholarships require applicants to submit additional information. You will see a request for additional information if you are eligible for one of these scholarships.

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**Harry W. Clarke Memorial Scholarship**

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

**Eligibility:**

- Graduating senior of Polk County High School.
- Committed to attending either a 2-year or 4-year college in North Carolina as a full-time student in the fall following the award.
- Financial need.
- Academic achievement and potential, as indicated by class rank, GPA and/or SAT or ACT.
- Strong moral character.

**Application Source:**

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The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina  
Scholarship Officer  
828-367-9909  
parks@cfwnc.org  
cfwnc.org

**Other Information:**

- Applicants who are employees, volunteers, or board members, or who are directly related to employees, volunteers or board members of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina are not eligible to apply. Also, individuals directly related to member of a scholarship fund's selection committee or donors are ineligible for that particular fund.

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**Captain John G. Gardner, USMC, Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Scholarship**

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

**Eligibility:**

- Graduating seniors of Polk County High School.
- Relative of an active-duty decorated Viet Nam veteran

(proof of military service required).

- Students who will attend accredited US colleges, universities, community colleges, vocational or technical schools, public or private, as full-time student in the fall following the award (unless otherwise noted). All US schools that qualify for Title IV federal aid (loans, grants and work-study) all qualify to receive Foundation scholarships.
- Financial need (unless otherwise noted).
- Academic achievement and potential, as indicated by class rank, GPA and/or SAT or ACT.
- Strong moral character.

**Application Source:**

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The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina  
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parks@cfwnc.org  
cfwnc.org

**Other Information:**

- Applicants who are employees, volunteers or board members, or who are directly related to employees, volunteers or board members of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina are not eligible to apply. Also, individuals directly related to member of a scholarship fund's selection committee or donors are ineligible for that particular fund.

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**WNC Regional Scholarships**

Includes: Clyde & Mildred Wright Endowment Fund; William Forster, Jr. and Nancy Forster Stevens Scholarship Fund; Lucius Lanier Memorial Scholarship Fund; Adelaide C. McKelvey Scholarship Fund; and Nelle Crowell Fletcher & G.L. Crowell Fund  
The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

**Eligibility:**

- Graduating seniors of Polk County High School.
- North Carolina residents of the 18 westernmost counties (Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey).
- Committed to attending any accredited U.S. institution as a full-time student in the fall following the award.
- Students who will attend accredited US colleges, universities, community colleges, vocational or technical schools, public or private, as full-time student in the fall following the award. All US schools that qualify for Title IV federal aid (loans, grants and work-study) all qualify to receive Foundation scholarships.
- Academic achievement and potential, as indicated by class rank, GPA and/or SAT or ACT.
- Financial need.
- Strong moral character.

**Application Source:**

Lezette Parks

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina  
Scholarship Officer, 828-367-9909  
parks@cfwnc.org  
cfwnc.org

**Other Information:**

- Applicants who are employees, volunteers or board members, or who are directly related to employees, volunteers or board members of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina are not eligible to apply. Also, individuals directly related to member of a scholarship fund's selection committee or donors are ineligible for that particular fund.

**Margaret L. Forbes Distinguished Scholar Award**

Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes Foundation

**Eligibility:**

- Graduating senior of Polk County High School
- Graduating senior must be in the top 10% of class
- Recipient must excel in academics.
- Recipient must demonstrate strong leadership qualities.
- Recipient must be active in clubs and extracurricular activities.
- Recipient must be well rounded; he/she should demonstrate an ability to go the "extra mile" in whatever he/she undertakes.
- Recipient must demonstrate strong interest in community as evidenced by participation in volunteer and/or service activities.

**Application Source:**

Polk County High School  
Guidance Office, 828-894-8594

**Other Information:**

- Application Deadline: October of Senior year (Specific date available from Polk County High School Guidance Office)
- Class of 2023 award amount is \$13,500 per year, renewable for three years for a total of up to four years and \$54,000.
- To renew, must maintain a 2.5 GPA first year, 3.0 GPA remaining years.
- The scholarship is awarded by the Forbes Foundation and administered by the Polk County Community Foundation

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**Stuart Forbes Polk High  
Scholar Award**

Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes  
Foundation

**Eligibility:**

- Graduating senior of Polk County High School
- Recipient must be accepted at a four year college or university at the time of the award.
- Graduating senior must be in the top 20% of the class.
- Recipient must demonstrate an interest in the school through participation in school activities and school/community service projects.
- Recipient must show a desire to attend his/her dream college in order to further his/her ability to continue studies in the specific area of talent or interest.
- Recipient must demonstrate potential to complete the four year college program.
- Recipient must have a clearly demonstrated financial need.

**Application Source:**

Polk County High School  
Guidance Office, 828-894-8594

**Other Information:**

- Application Deadline: October of Senior year (Specific date available from Polk County High School Guidance Office)
- Class of 2023 award amount is \$10,000 per year, renewable for three years for a total of up to four years and \$40,000.
- To renew, must maintain a 2.5 GPA.
- A minimum of ten students will be selected for an interview from the applicant pool
- The scholarship is awarded by the Forbes Foundation and administered by the Polk County Community Foundation

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**Stuart Forbes Early College  
Scholar Award**

Stuart and Margaret L. Forbes  
Foundation

**Eligibility:**

- Graduating senior of Polk County Early College
- Recipient must be accepted at a four year college or university at the time of the award.
- Recipient must have a grade point average (GPA) comparable to those ranked in the top 10% of the senior class of Polk County High School.
- Recipient must show a desire to attend his/her dream college in order to further his/her ability to continue studies in the specific area of talent or interest.
- Recipient must demonstrate potential to complete the four year college program.

**Application Source:**

Polk County Early College –  
Mrs. Mary Greene, 828-894-2698

**Other Information:**

- Application Deadline: October of Senior year (Specific date available from Polk County Early College)
- Class of 2023 award amount is \$5,000 per year, renewable for one year for a total of up to two years and \$10,000.
- To renew, must maintain a 2.5 GPA.
- The scholarship is awarded by the Forbes Foundation and administered by the Polk County Community Foundation

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**Frank J. & Sybil H. Giordano  
Scholarship****Eligibility:**

- Polk County High School senior
- Must have attended PCHS for three (3) consecutive years
- Must be in the top 30% of their graduating class

- Must be eligible for admittance to UNC-Asheville
- Applicants must be willing to forego all other financial scholarships for the freshman year

**Application Source:**

Polk County High School  
Guidance Department, 894-8594

**Other Information:**

- Must be resident of Polk County for three (3) consecutive years
- Must be resident of Polk County at time of the award
- Scholarship covers tuition, fees, room and board to UNC-Asheville for one year

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**Holy Cross Memorial Scholarships**

**Eligibility:**

- Students accepted in schools of higher learning
- Students of theology, especially those living in the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina
- Continuing education in theological seminaries for clergy in the Tryon area

**Application Source:**

- School guidance office - Counselor
- From the Church:
  - In person: 150 Melrose Ave., Tryon, NC 28782
  - By mail: PO Box 279, Tryon, NC 28782
  - On the internet: [holycrosstryon.org/Scholarship-Program.htm](http://holycrosstryon.org/Scholarship-Program.htm)

**Other Information:**

Considerations for Scholarship Awards:

- Community/Church Involvement
- Academic transcript
- Family circumstances/economic need

- This scholarship may be reapplied for in subsequent years
- Completed applications due by March 1<sup>st</sup>

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**Inman Riverdale Scholarship**

**Eligibility:**

- Graduating high school senior
- Dependent of full-time employee at Inman Mills
- Must go to a university or college in South Carolina.

**Application Source:**

Pat Robbins  
probbins@inmanmills.com  
PO Box 207, Inman, SC 29349  
864-472-2121, Fax 864-708-3512

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**Edward L. Barrier Scholarship**  
Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Resident of Rutherford or Polk Counties.
- Demonstrates financial need.
- Priority given to applicants whose needs cannot be met through alternative funding sources.
- Recipient may be in a diploma or degree program.
- Recipient should be 25 years or older and must have completed at least one semester with no grade lower than a C.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

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**George Chatham Business Science Scholarship**  
Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a North Carolina resident seeking an associate degree in business administration.

- Must be enrolled for at least 6 hours.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- Renewable up to 4 semesters at fulltime or equivalent.

**Eileen Conti Environmental Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

Intent to pursue career in environmental sciences.

- Arts and Science major.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Resident of Rutherford or Polk County.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**J.D. Cooley Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Student must have declared an Applied Science major.
- Resident of Rutherford or Polk County.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- Renewable.
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA.

**Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Education or child care major

- Enrolled in 9 or more credit hours

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- Renewable for second year
- Must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA

**Julia Goforth Memorial Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Demonstrate genuine financial need
- Priority given to pre-music majors
- Maintain 2.5 or better cumulative GPA for continuation

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Hewitt Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Arts and Science major.
- Must have 2.5 GPA or better
- Resident of NC with Polk County graduates given preference.
- Demonstrate financial need.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Isothermal Community College**

**Alumni Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Must be rising sophomore
- Demonstrate financial need
- Maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Enroll in 12 or more credit hours

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale

828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- One recipient selected every year
- Show outstanding academic promise

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**The William Lee Memorial Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a Criminal Justice Major
- High School graduate
- Good moral character
- No arrests or convictions
- At least 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Complete a William V. Lee Memorial Scholarship application
- Special deadline: End of March

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

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**The Lovelace Nursing Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Must be enrolled in Practical Nurse Education program at ICC
- Demonstrate academic potential
- Document financial need
- Preference given to widows raising children
- Completion of FAFSA by May 31

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- May renew

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**Andrew Major Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Commercial Graphics or Art major.
- Full-time student.

- Not need based but may be factor where students of equal talent are in the selection pool.
- Must submit portfolio to support application.
- Must have 3.0 GPA or better.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- Renewable for four semesters.

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**Monroe and Ada Moore McDonald Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Based on need, motivation, solid achievement in high school and good citizenship.
- No limitation to the school that the student comes from or the academic program for which they are enrolled.
- Student must be full-time.
- Recipient may attend Polk or Spindale Campus.
- Any division of the college is eligible for this scholarship – Arts and Sciences, Applied Sciences and Technology, or Business Sciences.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- Renewable for second year, it criteria is met.
- Must maintain a 2.75 GPA.

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**W. H. "Shorty" McDonald Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Resident of Polk County
- Enrolled in or intends to be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours



- Must have declared a major
- Maintain 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Preference given to applicants who have completed financial aid file by May 31.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- Evidence of financial need
- Motivation
- Good citizenship
- Solid high school achievement
- Renewable for second year.

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**Lou Anne Perkins Nelson**

**Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Pursue career in education.
- Must have 3.0 GPA or better
- Resident of Rutherford or Polk County.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

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**Pi Chapter Kappa Kappa Iota**

**Scholarship**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Second year college transfer student.
- Education major.
- Must be enrolled in 9 or more hours.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

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**Lee L. Powers Merit Scholarship Program**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Be a current senior who will graduate from a recognized high school in Rutherford or Polk County within the academic year within which the application is submitted.
- If graduating from a high school with 100 or more graduates, the student must have graduated within the top 10% academically of his/her class.
- If graduating from a high school with less than 100 graduates, the student must complete the SAT or ACT test prior to submitting the application.
- Complete and submit an Isothermal Community College Powers Merit Scholarship application by the end of March.
- Submit two letters of character and citizenship reference with the application.
- Be a legal resident of the state of NC and reside in Rutherford or Polk County. (Residency is determined by the Admissions Office according to state guidelines at the time of original application to Isothermal Community College.)

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1438

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**Lee L. Powers Service Scholarship Program**

Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

To be considered for the scholarship, the student must:

- Be a legal resident of the State of North Carolina and reside in Rutherford or Polk County. Residency is determined by the Admissions Office according to state guidelines.
- Be seeking a Certificate, Diploma or Degree within an academic program.

- Be making satisfactory academic progress.

To receive the scholarship, the student must:

- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as other required documents to the Financial Aid Office each year.
- Be deemed ineligible for federal/state aid.
- Provide an official copy of a high school transcript or equivalent in accordance with the admissions policy of Isothermal Community College.

Recipients of the scholarship will be required to complete one of the following during the fall and spring semesters (summer excluded):

- Complete a four (4) hour Human Resource Development (HRD) course per semester, offered through Continuing Education.
- Complete a maximum of five (5) hours of community service per semester by the date specified on the Community Service Verification Worksheet.
- Provide documentation from an employer each semester verifying employment of 30 hours or more per standard week during enrollment at Isothermal Community College.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1438

**Wells Fargo Technical Scholarship**  
Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Enrolled full-time student.
- Second year of a two-year technical program.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Shows scholastic promise.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale

828-395-1985

**Frank and Mable West Scholarship**  
Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- Immediate high school graduate
- Top 10% of high school graduating class.
- Letters of recommendation from high school teacher or counselor
- Record of active community participation such as high school service clubs, church or volunteer service
- Full-time student
- Non-need based

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- Recipient must maintain a 3.25 or better cumulative GPA
- Enroll in 12 or more credit hours

**The Dr. JF, Sr. and Ola H. Whisnant Scholarship**  
Isothermal Community College

**Eligibility:**

- First or second year student in the ADN program or second-level AND student who has completed the PNE program and passed the licensure exam
- Demonstrate financial need
- Priority given to financial aid file completed by May 31.

**Application Source:**

Financial Aid Office; ICC, Spindale  
828-395-1985

**Other Information:**

- Renewable for second year if awarded to first year ADN student.
- Recipient must maintain a 2.0 or better cumulative GPA.

P.O. Box 263, Tryon NC 28782

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### **Katherine Kirby Nursing Scholarship**

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary

#### **Eligibility:**

- This grant is to be used to fund one or more scholarships for individuals with demonstrated financial need who are seeking a degree in nursing.
- A scholarship recipient who has attained a "B" (3.0) average or higher may apply for additional one-year scholarships.
- All students recommended by the Auxiliary for awards must reside in Polk County, NC or Landrum, SC (zip code 29356) regardless of where they attend school. To honor donor intent, preference may be given to students who live in Tryon.

#### **Application Source:**

Contact the St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary for information about this award:

Dawn Ward  
828-894-0895  
Dawn.Ward@slhnc.org

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### **Kiwanis Club of Tryon, NC Scholarships**

#### **Eligibility:**

- Graduating Polk County High School Senior, and a resident of Polk County.
- Member of the Polk County High School Key Club
- A student who plans to attend an institution of higher learning
- Primary criteria:  
    Need  
    Merit

#### **Application Source:**

Polk County High School  
Guidance Department, 894-8594 or  
Dr. Bill McCall, Scholarship  
Committee Chair,  
Kiwanis Club of Tryon

#### **Other Information:**

- Scholarship awards must be used within 12 months of date of notification.
- For further information and scholarship requirements, please contact the Polk County High School guidance office or visit our website at [www.tryonkiwanisclub.com/scholarships](http://www.tryonkiwanisclub.com/scholarships)

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### **Landrum High School Scholarship Information**

The Landrum High School Guidance Department assembles an excellent "Scholarship Newsletter" for students and families seeking financial aid opportunities. Please contact the Guidance Department at 864-457-2606 or visit [sites.google.com/spart1.net/lhsguidance/college](http://sites.google.com/spart1.net/lhsguidance/college)

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### **Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation Scholarships**

#### **Eligibility:**

The Rotary Club of Tryon Foundation offers scholarships for residents of Polk County, graduates of Polk County High School, and graduates of Isothermal Community College who wish to extend their education beyond their ICC degree, diploma or certificate. ROTCF also will consider awards to students beyond their freshman year of college, and students in vocational or technical programs.

#### **Application Source:**

- Online:  
[rotarycluboftryon.com/rotary-foundation-scholarships](http://rotarycluboftryon.com/rotary-foundation-scholarships)
- Polk County High School  
Guidance Department, 894-8594
- Polk County Community  
Foundation, 859-5314

**Other Information:**

- More information about the Rotary Club of Tryon may be obtained by visiting [rotarycluboftryon.com](http://rotarycluboftryon.com)

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**Saluda Women’s Club Scholarship**  
Saluda Women’s Club

**Eligibility:**

- High school senior, continuing college student, graduate student or returning nontraditional college student.
- All applicants must reside in the 28773 zip code.

**Application Source:**

Applications available after February 15 at:

- Polk County High School Guidance Department
- Polk County Early College
- East Henderson High School Counselor’s Office
- Saluda Branch of the Polk County Public Library.

**Other Information:**

- Applications, including transcript, letters of recommendation and essay, must be mailed and postmarked by April 15.
- Students are eligible to reapply.

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**Second Wind Hall of Fame Scholarship**

**Eligibility:**

- Is at least a High School graduate
- Has exemplary personal qualities, is a good citizen, and is “deserving” and industrious.
- Is already in the workplace and has demonstrated a good work ethic. Can demonstrate material benefit to be gained by additional training.
- Plans to attend an accredited public or private college,

university, community college, or a recognized technical or vocational institution.

**Application Source:**

SWHF - Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 711, Tryon, NC 28782

**Other Information:**

- Financial need is an important qualification.

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**South Carolina Resident Grants & Scholarships**

Residents of South Carolina may be eligible for a variety of merit-based and need-based grants and scholarships, including:

- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- LIFE Scholarship
- HOPE Scholarship

Learn more by visiting:

[che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScholarshipsGrantsforSCResidents.aspx](http://che.sc.gov/Students,FamiliesMilitary/PayingForCollege/FinancialAssistanceAvailable/ScholarshipsGrantsforSCResidents.aspx)

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**State Employees’ Credit Union Foundation**

Bridge to Career Scholarship Program

**Eligibility:**

- This program is available to all 58 North Carolina Community Colleges. Designed to help remove financial barriers for students seeking to obtain state-regulated or industry-recognized credentials that lead to sustainable wage careers within their local communities, SECU Bridge to Career Program will fund \$500 scholarships to be awarded to eligible students at each of the 58 NC Community College campuses.
- SECU Bridge to Career Program will focus on assisting unemployed and

underemployed adults, military veterans, and members of the National Guard with marketable job skills that lead to sustainable wage careers within their local communities. Participants must be enrolled in a program that leads to a state recognized or industry supported credential.

**Application Source:**

- Interested candidates should contact the Continuing Education Department at their local NC Community College for more information.

**More Information Available at:**  
[ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html](http://ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html)

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**State Employees' Credit Union Foundation**  
People Helping People  
Four-Year Scholarship Program

**Eligibility:**

- Is either an SECU member or is eligible for membership through a parent/guardian.
- Is a senior at a NC public high school who has been accepted to one of the 16 constituent campuses of the UNC System.
- Is a US citizen and a resident of NC under NCGS 116-143.1, and is eligible for in-state tuition.
- Best exemplifies the "People Helping People" philosophy of SECU, and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
- Demonstrates scholastic achievement with a maintained 2.5 or higher unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale and may be deserving of financial aid.
- Will use the scholarship to pay for full-time undergraduate student tuition and fees.
- 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 per semester.

- Is not a director, employee, or family member of a director or employee of SECU or the SECU Foundation, or a family member of a member of the scholarship's selection committee.

**Application Source:**

Speak with your high school guidance counselor for more information about applying, requirements, and deadlines.

**Other Information:**

- Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees who live and work in North Carolina.
- Preference will be given to those majoring in public service degree programs
- See your school counselor for more information.

**More Information Available at:**  
[www.ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html](http://www.ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html)

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**State Employees' Credit Union Foundation**  
People Helping People  
Two-Year Scholarship Program

**Eligibility:**

- Is an applicant or full-time student who is a high school graduate or has completed the GED program, enrolled in an associate degree, diploma or certificate program.
- Is a U.S. citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1, and is eligible for in-state tuition.
- Applicant must not have previously been awarded the SECU 2-year People Helping People scholarship. Each year recipients selected must be new recipients of the scholarship.

- Best exemplifies the membership philosophy of credit unions, “People Helping People” and has demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
- Demonstrates financial need using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Preference may be given to students with limited financial aid from other programs.
- Demonstrates scholastic achievement and maintains a 2.5 or higher GPA on a 4.0 scale or attained a score of 3,000 on the GED test.
- Uses the scholarship to pay tuition, books, fees, course supplies and transportation.
- Agrees to continue at the community college where enrolled at the time of the scholarship award for the duration of the scholarship, for four consecutive fall/spring semesters or upon completion of a diploma program.
- Is not a director, employee, or family member of a director or employee of SECU or the SECU Foundation, or a family member of the scholarship selection committee.

**Application Source:**

- Financial Aid Office ICC, Spindale, NC 828-395-1985
- All NC Community College Financial Aid offices

**Other Information:**

- Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees who live and work in North Carolina.
- See the financial aid office at your community college for more information.

**More Information Available at:**  
[www.ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html](http://www.ncsecufoundation.org/Projects/Scholarships.html)

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**Tryon Little Theater  
 Sue Higgs Memorial Scholarship**

**Eligibility:**

- Scholarship funds will be awarded for study in some area of the performing arts or any other field of specialized interest to graduating high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students who have actively participated in at least two Tryon Little Theater activities.

**Application Source:**

- Tryon Little Theater Workshop  
 516 S. Trade St., Tryon, NC 28782  
 P.O. Box 654, Tryon, NC 28782
- Polk County High School
- Polk County Early College
- Landrum High School
- Polk County Community Foundation

**Other Information:**

- A Tryon Little Theater committee consisting of the Scholarship Chairman of TLT and at least two other members selected by the TLT Board of Directors will choose the students.
- Applications are available in the Spring at area high schools and the Polk County Community Foundation.

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**TR&HC Education Scholarships  
 Tryon Riding and Hunt Club**

**Eligibility:**

- Either a graduating senior Either a graduating senior accepted to a higher educational program or an individual currently entered in a higher educational program. Preference will be given to those graduating from high school.
- Applications will be accepted from students living in Polk, Henderson, Rutherfordton, Spartanburg, or Greenville counties.

- Priority will be given to students with ties to the equestrian industry or sport in our area, or those who are a member of a recognized local or national equestrian organization.
- Financial need will also be a consideration.
- Applicants may not be related to any current member of the TR&HC Board of Directors or employed by TR&HC.
- A financial need statement, references and/or an interview may be requested as part of the determination process.
- For those who receive a scholarship award, a photo and a media release will be required along with verification of your school enrollment.

**Application Source:**

Tryon Riding and Hunt Club  
 website by March:  
[www.tryonridingandhuntclub.org](http://www.tryonridingandhuntclub.org)  
 Phone: 828-351-9709

**Other Information:**

- Full scholarship details are available on our website.
- Amount of scholarship may vary, but will be no lower than \$500.
- Applications must be submitted by April 15 by mail (112 N. Trade Street, Suite 12, Tryon, NC 28782) or email ([office@trhc1925.org](mailto:office@trhc1925.org))
- The TR&HC College Scholarship will be awarded May.
- Payment will be made to the recipient's school.
- The scholarship recipient may be requested to volunteer at a TR&HC event.

- One scholarship will be awarded for students in the top 10-25% of the graduating class
- Must attend a University of North Carolina System school (see application for details)

**Application Source:**

Applications available in February at PCHS Student Services

**Other Information:**

- The amount of the scholarship is to cover the first year of tuition, room and board, and fees at any University of North Carolina System school
- Applications are due in March to PCHS Student Services
- Interviews are held in April
- See Application for current details

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**Ann L. Turner and Geoffrey M. Tennant Foundation Scholarship**

**Eligibility:**

- Polk County High School student
- One scholarship will be awarded for students in the top 10% of the graduating class

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## **Resources for Financial Aid and College Information**



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**Scholarship Information and Free Internet Access is Available at your Public Library**

**Polk County Library - Main Branch**  
1289 West Mills Street  
Columbus, NC 828-894-8721

**Polk County Library - Saluda Branch**  
44 W. Main Street  
Saluda, NC 828-749-2117

**Landrum Library, Branch of Spartanburg Co. Public Libraries**  
111 Asbury Drive  
Landrum, SC 29356 864-457-2218

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**NC and SC Resources**

The following organizations provide important information

**The College Foundation of NC**  
Helps students plan, apply and pay for college  
866-866-CFNC (2362)  
[www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)

*Click on "Pay for College" then "Grants and Scholarships"*

**NC Community Foundation**  
Offers several scholarships available to Polk County residents.  
800-532-1349  
[www.nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org)  
*Click on "Apply" then "Scholarships"*

**The SC Commission on Higher Education**  
Promoting quality and efficiency, and affordability in the state system of higher education.  
803-737-2262 or 803-737-2244  
[www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov)  
*Click on "Students, Families & Military" then "Paying for College" then "Financial Assistance Available" for more information about scholarship programs for SC residents.*

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**Full Tuition Scholarships at ICC for Polk County residents**  
See page 29 of this booklet for information about the Powers Merit and Service scholarships.

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**Federal Resources**

**FAFSA**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
*(This is a **key first step** to receiving any financial aid.)*  
[studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](http://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)

**Federal Student Aid**  
[studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

**College Affordability and Transparency Center** *(Includes many resources for students)*  
[collegecost.ed.gov](http://collegecost.ed.gov)

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**Other Resources**

**Prospective Schools**

Most college websites include a financial aid section. Many provide a "net price calculator" to help families estimate costs. Check with your school's financial aid office about the types of aid available. Schools will use your FAFSA and other forms to determine what federal and institutional (school) aid you qualify for.

**FinAid**

Free online source of financial aid information, since 1994. *(Not an endorsement by the Foundation.)*  
[finaid.org](http://finaid.org)

**Scholarship Websites**

A quick online search for "college scholarships" will return a long list of sites offering their services. Many will require you to provide your contact information, which may then be sold to other companies. Be cautious of scams that can lead to money loss or even identity theft, especially any scholarships that require you to pay an application fee. We recommend focusing your financial aid efforts first on completing the FAFSA and contacting the financial aid offices of prospective schools to find out what aid you will automatically qualify for.

## **Did You Know?**



Since 2015, the Polk County Community Foundation has funded a full-time college adviser to help local students navigate the college application, admission and financial aid processes. The adviser is available at Polk County Early College and Polk County High School.

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