



2024 GRANTS DATES & DOLLARS

1ST QTR
GRANTS, ADULT SCHOLARSHIPS*, SLATER AWARDS*

2ND QTR
GRANTS

3RD QTR
GRANTS

4TH QTR
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 TH QTR
APPLICATION DEADLINE	January 8	April 1	July 1	October 8
INTERVIEWS POSSIBLE	February 6-8 19-22	May 7-9 20-23	August 6-8 19-22	N/A
DECISIONS AVAILABLE	March 28	June 28	September 27	December 20

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Submit a Letter of Intent** to confirm that your organization is eligible to apply for grants** and that your project meets the criteria for one or more of our available grantmaking funds. Visit polkccf.org/applications for details on how to submit this.
- 2 Receive Confirmation** that your project meets the Foundation's criteria for funding. Contact our Director of Grants with questions about the grantmaking process. Email Noah Wood at grants@polkccf.org or call 828-859-5314 x 226.
- 3 Submit a Grant Application** by the deadlines noted above. Applications must be submitted online by accessing our Grants portal at polkccf.org/applications. All applications are due by 5:00 pm on the dates indicated.

* Scholarships for adult students & Slater Awards for teachers have different dates, see details online.

** Organizations new to the Foundation should contact us regarding grant eligibility as a first step. We have a committee review process to evaluate newly formed nonprofits or organizations that don't have a grantmaking history with the Foundation.

GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE

Grant Programs	Funds Available
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Brief Description *(See grant guidelines for more detail)*

GENERAL INTEREST GRANTS

Unrestricted Grants Projects that enhance the quality of life in our community	Up to \$100,000 per cycle
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AREA OF INTEREST GRANTS

Dr. William R. Bosien Fund Health education and other community health projects	\$20,000
Bradley Endowment Fund <i>(Contact us for details)</i> For projects & planning studies with generations-long community impact	Large grants available
Culberson Agricultural Development Fund Agricultural development projects	\$6,000
Mary F. Kessler Fund For certain projects that benefit Tryon and Landrum community members	Up to \$100,000 per cycle
Saluda Community Fund For organizations located in and serving Saluda	\$95,000
Student Intern Program Funds for agencies to hire local high school students as interns	\$12,000
Donor Driven Field of Interest Funds Grants from other donor funds may be awarded as they are available	Varies by Fund

GRANTS FOR FREE EVENTS

Free Community Events Free gatherings in Polk County & Landrum	\$3,000-\$8,000 per project
Kirby Civic Events Free civic events in the Tryon area	\$4,000
Kirby Harmon Field Fund Free activities for youth at Harmon Field	\$11,000
Kirby Rogers Park Fund Free events at Rogers Park	\$13,000

CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

Grantwriting for Public Safety Organizations To enhance public safety organizations' receipt of non-local grants	\$5,000
Organizational Strengthening & Board Planning Strategic Planning & Board Retreats for long-term success	\$3,000-\$8,000 per project
North Carolina Center for Nonprofits <i>(Grants awarded on a rolling basis)</i> Center memberships for local 501(c)(3) organizations	\$725 maximum

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

Scholarships for Adults Going Back to School <i>(Details online)</i> 2024 applications due & award decisions available in the 1 st QTR of 2024	\$1,000 minimum award
Scholarships for Graduating High School Seniors <i>(Details online)</i> Class of 2025 applications due & award decisions available in the 4 th QTR of 2024	\$1,000 minimum award
AFS Study Abroad Scholarships For local high school students to study abroad through AFS-USA	100% of program fees

GRANTS FOR TEACHERS

Slater Excellence in Teaching Awards For Polk County & Landrum teacher educational travel & conferences	\$40,000
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