



The Community Foundation
of Western North Carolina

ROTARY CLUB OF ASHEVILLE HARRY R. MORRILL SCHOLARSHIP

Fact Sheet

DESCRIPTION

The Rotary Club of Asheville established the Harry R. Morrill scholarship to help meritorious students and encourage scholarship among high school seniors. The program is open to applicants whose primary residence is in Buncombe County, and who are seniors enrolled in public or private high schools within Buncombe County or the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) or the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA).

Each year, income from this fund is made available for distribution to the selected high school seniors. The number of awards and total dollar amount of the awards varies based on fund performance.

ELIGIBILITY

Several one-time scholarships of varying dollar amounts will be offered.

Awards are paid to a recipient's chosen school for her/his account as long as it is an accredited U.S. institution on U.S. soil. Approved and accredited U.S. institutions are those at which federal student aid (grants, loans and work-study) may be applied. To check online if a school qualifies, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and search for a school code. All schools with assigned codes qualify for CFWNC scholarships. Awards are for the first year of study.

The Community Foundation scholarships will be awarded without regard to age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religious belief, or any other characteristic protected by law.

DESIRED APPLICANT QUALITIES, in order of importance

- Superior academic achievement/potential and desire to learn
- Demonstrated leadership qualities
- Community service/extracurricular activities/work experience
- Positive personal outlook

The student's academic record will be highly important. As a guide, recipients will on average have placed in the top 5% of their class, earned a 4.0+ (weighted) GPA, and been among the highest scorers on their SATs. The successful candidate will also be an exceptional leader, in school and the community at large.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, high school seniors must complete an application available in the office of the guidance/college counselor of Buncombe County public and private high schools; the Assistant Dean of High School Academic Program at UNCSA; and the Director of Academic Programs at NCSSM. The application with required attachments (see checklist on page 3 of the application) must be returned to the high school contact on or before the student deadline as stated on the front of the application.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

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

The Rotary Advisory Committee will review all semi-finalist applications, select and interview finalists, and determine the recipients pending approval by The Community Foundation's Board of Directors. The recipients and all semi-finalists, finalists, and participating counselors will be notified of the committee's selections. Scholarship recipients are selected on an objective and competitive basis, considering the stated criteria for the scholarship.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS

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

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

**DOWNLOAD THE ROTARY CLUB OF ASHEVILLE HARRY R. MORRILL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION,
CONTACT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT FOR AN APPLICATION,
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