Due to Mrs. Trexler in Guidance by Feb 6, 2019

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of the E. R. & Lillian B. Dimmette Scholarship Fund is to provide undergraduate scholarships to deserving students with financial need from five North Carolina counties – Gaston, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan and Wilkes.

Applicants should be students who "fall between the cracks" of other financial aid and/or scholarship programs.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

*Dimmette Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:*

1. Be nominated by the Superintendent of Schools in their county.
2. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).
3. Be legal residents of Gaston, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Rowan or Wilkes County, North Carolina.
4. Demonstrate substantial need for financial assistance.

APPLICATION REQUIRMENTS

1. Completed scholarship application form (following pages)
2. 2019-2020 Student Aid Report (SAR) from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) through the

U.S. Department of Education. For additional information or to apply, please visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

1. An official transcript of grades for the applicant’s most recently completed coursework.
2. A one –two page typed (double-spaced, using 11 or 12-point type font) personal statement in which you develop your position on this topic: “***(1) describe what your life’s goals and objectives are and how obtaining additional education or a college degree will further these goals and objectives (2) explain what qualifies you for this scholarship and (3)describe your financial need for scholarship assistance”***
3. Counselors will forward all school level applications to Judy McLaughlin, Director of School Counseling, by 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2019. The district committee will review all applications and select two candidates to represent Rowan County in the scholarship competition. The two finalists will be notified by The Foundation for the Carolinas to complete their application in the online portal and the next deadline in the scholarship competition. The two county finalists are required to complete a personal interview with the Dimmette Scholarship Committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

*The Dimmette Scholarship Fund was established to assist students who “fall between the cracks” of traditional financial aid programs. The committee will consider the following when selecting recipients:*

1. Financial need as determined by the costs of college attendance compared with an applicant’s household income and other financial factors.
2. Prior academic achievement including grade point average, curriculum and performance on tests designed to measure preparation and ability for postsecondary study. (Preference is given to students who have scored equal to or greater than the state average on the SAT and/or ACT).
3. School and community involvement and personal achievements.
4. Preference is given to students whose parents do not have a college degree.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarships will range from $1,000 to $4,000 at the discretion of the Dimmette Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are

awarded for one year only, but may be renewed annually for up to three additional years provided funds are available, the student is enrolled full-time, a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) is maintained and other requirements for satisfactory academic progress are met.

**2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name First Name\_ Middle Initial\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address:\_

City: \_ County: Zip Code:\_ \_

Home Phone:\_ \_ Cell Phone:\_

Email:

Parent/Guardian Name:\_ Relationship:

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HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name:

HS Cumulative Weighted GPA: HS Cumulative Unweighted GPA: \_\_

HS Class Rank/HS Class Size: / Graduation Date:

SAT Score (CR+M): ACT Composite Score:

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Please list in order of preference the colleges and/or vocational schools to which you have applied:

School Name:

School Name:

School Name:

School Name:

School Name:

School Name:

School Name:

School Name:

Desired degree/major:\_

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Please list all scholarships you have received and others you have submitted for consideration to date. You may attach a typed list if you have too many to fit the spaces provided.

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| **1.** | **$** |
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| **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED AND ARE AWAITING A DECISION** | **AMOUNT** |
| **1.** | **$** |
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| **5.** | **$** |

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| **SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: PLEASE LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ATHLETICS, IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICPATED. PLEASE DO NOT ABBREVIATE THE NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS.** | | |
| **ACTIVITY** | **YEAR(S)** | **LEADERSHIP POSITION(S)** |
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| **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: PLEASE LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICPATED DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.** | | |
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| **HONORS AND AWARDS: PLEASE LIST ALL HONORS AND AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.** | | |
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| **EMPLOYMENT: PLEASE LIST YOUR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.** | | |
| **PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT** | **LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT** | **POSITION** |
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| **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** | | |
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