

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 REQUIREMENTS

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
3. An official transcript of grades for the applicant's most recently completed coursework. This may include high school transcripts, GED score report or any postsecondary transcripts. Internet transcripts will not be accepted
4. 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"**
5. Three recommendation forms from non-related adults such as teachers, coach, employers, etc.
6. Return all of the items listed above to your high school counselor in a single envelope by Friday, January 25, 2019.
7. Counselors will forward all school level applications to April Marr, Director of Student Services, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. The Superintendent will review all applications and select two candidates to represent Wilkes 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: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ESTIMATED EXPENSES		FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE		FAFSA SAR INFORMATION	
Tuition/Fees	\$	Federal/State Grants	\$	# in household (including you)	
Room/Board	\$	Scholarships	\$	# in college (including you)	
Books & Supplies	\$	Work Study	\$	AGI of STUDENT (Adjusted Gross Income)	\$
Transportation	\$	Loans	\$	AGI of PARENT (Adjusted Gross Income)	\$
Misc. Expenses	\$	Other	\$	EFC Score (from SAR of FAFSA)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	TOTAL ASSISTANCE	\$		

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS YOU HAVE RECEIVED AS OF TODAY	AMOUNT
1.	\$
2.	\$
3.	\$
4.	\$
5.	\$
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED AND ARE AWAITING A DECISION	AMOUNT
1.	\$
2.	\$
3.	\$
4.	\$
5.	\$

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: PLEASE LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ATHLETICS, IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED. PLEASE DO NOT ABBREVIATE THE NAMES OF ORGANIZATIONS.

ACTIVITY	YEAR(S)	LEADERSHIP POSITION(S)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: PLEASE LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

ACTIVITY	YEAR(S)	LEADERSHIP POSITION(S)

HONORS AND AWARDS: PLEASE LIST ALL HONORS AND AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

EMPLOYMENT: PLEASE LIST YOUR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

RECOMMENDATION FORM 1

Applicant Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

TO THE APPLICANT:

1. Please provide this form to the person providing a letter of recommendation for you.
2. The recommendations you receive back from your reference must be submitted in a sealed envelope with your completed application packet by the application deadline.
3. Family members cannot serve as references.

TO THE REFERENCE:

The student named above is applying for the E.R. & Lillian B. Dimmette Scholarship. Your recommendation is needed as part of the application process. After completing the information below, on a separate sheet (preferably on letterhead), please provide your recommendation for this applicant.

Your recommendation should express why you think this student should be considered for this scholarship. Criteria for scholarship selection include the applicant's prior academic performance, personal achievements, and the applicant's record of involvement in their school and community. Your personalized comments are very important.

Please return this form and your single-sided typewritten recommendation to the applicant (in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap) so he or she may submit it as part of a total application package.

The application deadline for the student to return the packet to the Guidance Office is January 25, 2019.

Your Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Institution/Organization/Company: _____

Email: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

What is your relationship to the applicant?

____ Employer ____ Teacher ____ Coach ____ Counselor ____ Other: _____

How well do you know the applicant?

____ Very well ____ Somewhat well ____ Not well

How long have you known the applicant?

Overall Recommendation:

____ Highly recommend ____ Recommend ____ Recommend with reservations ____ Do not recommend

Reference's Signature _____ Date _____

RECOMMENDATION FORM 2

Applicant Name: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

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RECOMMENDATION FORM 3

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