**January/ February Scholarship List 2017**

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Si necesita ayuda en espanol, por favor llame por telefono a la consejera Sra. Heffelfinger. (704)487-2858 Ella puede ayudarle a Ud. en espanol.

***The pace of scholarships will pick up this spring. Be sure your student is following through with applications and deadlines.***

**IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Students and parents should read the list carefully. Students can sign up for scholarships in which they are interested in the gold notebook on Mrs. Murray’s desk. ***(Please only sign up for scholarships for which you meet the stated criteria)*** Once the sign up deadline has passed, we will pass out applications and information about what is needed to apply to all students who have signed up and who meet the eligibility criteria. Included in the information will be the deadline to submit the information. ***Follow deadlines and directions carefully in order to be given full consideration for scholarships.***

Some scholarships require that nominees be chosen by the high school. In those cases, students will sign up to be considered. This will be mentioned in the description of the scholarship as it is announced. The scholarship committee of SHS will select nominees for scholarships. We will consider transcript information and activity sheets (yellow) as well as interviews when necessary. ***Please be sure every student has a yellow activity sheet on file in Student Services!***

Some scholarship applications are available online. The @ symbol indicates which ones may be downloaded or applied for online. Computers are available in Student Services, in the Media Center and the Career Center for students who need to use them to download information.

**Finally, please remember that all applications must be in the Student Services office at least 5 school days prior to the needed deadline. We do not issue official transcripts to students – but we will be happy to mail or deliver applications directly to the requesting party. Please have them in 5 days prior to the deadline date.**

We have a number of Local Scholarships that are sponsored by families and organizations in our community. Nominees are selected from the students who complete and turn in the Local Scholarship Application. **The LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION is due MONDAY, 2/27! It is found on any SHS computer as a fillable pdf. Students must complete this on the computer, print it out and turn it in. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS!**

Interviews for local scholarships will begin in March. Students who are selected to interview (based on the requirements established by the donors!) will need to request two letters of recommendations from teachers. Teachers are limited to writing two recommendations for each scholarship. Students must get permission from a teacher to use their letter of recommendation. I will notify students who are nominated.

As we begin preparation for our scholarship ceremony in June, please let me know of any and all scholarships your student may have **accepted**. I need to know the name of the scholarship, the donor or university, and the amount.

A list of the end of the year dates will be sent out soon and we will be ordering diplomas soon. A yellow diploma card will be given to each senior during homeroom **on January 25**. Parents and students need to sign the card and they should return it to the Student Services office NO LATER THAN 2/15/16 in order to assure that their diploma is here in time for graduation.

Please be sure you have taken care of ordering your cap and gown package. Josten’s may be reached at 828-681-1712 if you have questions. At this point there is a fee for any late orders that will be assessed.

Graduation – will be at Shelby High School on Friday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. Attendance at graduation is by ticket only. **Seniors will receive 12 tickets for admission to the baseball stadium. 6 tickets will be gold and those will be used for admission in case of rain.** We will make some arrangements for closed circuit viewing for the remaining ticket holders. Hopefully that will not be an issue.

**Financial Aid Assistance: FAFSA Priority filing deadline for most schools and to be eligible for state funds is March 1. You should use your 2015 tax information to complete the FAFSA. You must complete the FAFSA to be eligible for student or parent loans, some scholarships, grants etc. It is highly encouraged that you follow through on this process as quickly as possible. If you have unusual financial circumstances, please call the financial aid office at your student’s college for assistance.**

**General Scholarships**

**\*\* Information about scholarships with double asterisks has not yet been received. However I anticipate their applications in the near future.**

**The Local Scholarship Application is due in the guidance office no later than February 27th. This is a generic scholarship application which we use for all local scholarships. There are local scholarships for the community college as well as 4 year institutions. Only students who have completed this scholarship application will be considered by the scholarship committee as possible nominees for these scholarships. The application is available as a fillable pdf on any SHS computer. You should take with you an activity sheet to use as a reference in filling out the form. Only copies printed from the computer will be accepted. Turn your application in to Mrs. Murray on or before February 27th.**

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The State Employees Credit Union offers a $10,000 scholarship to students in each high school in Cleveland County. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be planning to attend one of the 16 UNC institutions. The theme of the scholarship is “People Helping People” and the main criteria is community service. **Deadline to sign up is Feb 13.**

\*\*The Foundation of the Carolinas offers a scholarship for students who are interested in teaching as a career. A local scholarship application is required***. Deadline to sign up is February 20.***

The Dover Foundation offers scholarships to students who will attend a 4–year university. Each school in Cleveland County will receive one scholarship and there will be one overall winner. Scholarships range from $10,000 to $20,000. Students should have an excellent academic record, be involved in extra-curricular and leadership activities and have strong character. **Sign up by January 31 if interested.**

The William Campbell family offers a scholarship to students who are active in Young Life and/or FCA. Students must exhibit strong Christian character and potential to succeed in college. **Deadline to sign up is February 17.**

\*\*Students interested in Accounting as a career should apply for the NC Society of Accountants scholarship for $500.00. **Sign up by March 1.**

\*\*The Wayne Caudill family offers a generous scholarship to a SHS student who plans to attend a 2 year community college after high school. You must have a local scholarship application on file and be on the top half of the class. **Interested students should sign up by February 17. (A SHS local scholarship application will be required.)**

\*\*SHS may nominate one student for the Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Award and Scholarship for $1000. The student must be a senior who has a documented disability and has exhibited strong character, a superior work ethic, persistence, fortitude, perseverance and determination. The scholarship can be used for any post high school learning experience/training or for equipment/technology needed for employment. **Suggestions for nominations/ sign up must be in guidance by January 31**.

@The Golden Leaf Foundation offers 215 scholarships for $12,000 to students who will attend a four-year NC institution. Students must also complete the FAFSA and demonstrate financial need. Selection is based on academic record, community service and extracurricular activities. Additional information and the application are available at CFNC.org/goldenleaf. **The deadline to apply is March 1. Students must submit their FAFSA on or before March 1 to qualify**.

The NC Bar Assoc offers scholarships to seniors who are children of law enforcement officers killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. **Any eligible student should sign up by February 27.**

\*\*The Cleveland County Farm Bureau offers the NC Farm Bureau R. Flake Shaw scholarship for $3500 per year for four years to students who will enroll in college in agriculture or home economics or an agriculturally related field. This must be a 4 year program or the 2 year institute at NC State**. Deadline to sign up is February 3**.

\*\*The Farm Bureau also offers $1000 scholarships to students entering the community college who plan to study an agriculturally-related field or who plan to transfer to a four-year college in a related field. **Deadline to sign up is February 3.**

The Cecilia Music Club offers a $500 scholarship to be used for music lessons at the college level. Applicants do not have to major in music must use the scholarship for lessons at the college level. Auditions are in March.

**Deadline to sign up is February 3**.

@SEANC (State Employees Association of North Carolina) offers 4 kinds of scholarships to NC students. 8 Scholarships for 2 year colleges- 4 based on merit, 4 based on need; 15 scholarships for 4 year colleges based on merit; 15 scholarships for 4 year colleges based on need. A PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SEANC to apply for this scholarship. Applications for membership are available by calling 919-833-6436 if your parent is a state employee and would like to join. Applications are available online at [www.seanc.org](http://www.seanc.org). **DEADLINE to apply is April 15.**

\*\*NC State US Bowling Congress Assoc. offers scholarships for $1500 to current members of the NCS USBCA who bowl in a certified USNC North Carolina youth league. **Eligible students should sign up by FEB 22nd.**

\*\*The NC US Bowling Assoc offers scholarships for $1000. Student or parent must be a member of the USBC league or youth Bowling league***. Deadline to sign up is February 22.***

\*\*The Candy Arey Scholarship has been established to assist females who plan to attend college. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.7 and demonstrate financial need. Special consideration will be given to students who are employees for the YMCA, members of the YMCA and participants of YMCA programs. **Sign up by February 10 if interested.**

\*\*The NC Child Support Council offers a scholarship to any student whose parent is a member of the council or who is a client of the child support program. The student must be accepted into a 2 or 4 year college and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher. **Deadline to sign up is Feb 17.**

\*\*The Settle Community Scholarship offers a scholarship to Shelby High School students. Students must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher and plan to attend a 2 year or 4 year college after high school. SHS may nominate 3 students to compete for this scholarship. **Students must sign up in guidance by February 17 to be considered.**

Nursing Schools Almanac has just launched its second annual Aspiring Nurse Scholarship. Our website will award a $1,000 scholarship to an aspiring nurse who best demonstrates:

A track record of academic excellence, particularly in science and mathematics

A passion for the nursing profession and the overall field of healthcare

This scholarship is open to all high school seniors who plan to pursue college education in nursing, including LPN / LVN, ADN, and BSN programs. Scholarship applications will be accepted until midnight on June 30, 2016. We ask interested students to visit [www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com](http://www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com/) and click the banner on the right-hand side of the website's homepage. Here they'll find detailed scholarship information and the official application form.

\*\*The Shelby Rotary Club offers 3 scholarships (1 - $2500, 2 - $500) to seniors in Cleveland County who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and community involvement. Interested seniors should sign up NO LATER THAN February 10.

@Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship is a $1,000 scholarship for students who are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college.  Interested students can visit this link[www.fashion-schools.org](http://www.fashion-schools.org/) and find the scholarship located at the bottom of the page and click on it.  Deadline to apply is

June 1.

@Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship is a $1,000 scholarship for students who are interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Interested students visit the website, <http://www.animationcareerreview.com/> to find eligibility information along with the online application. The scholarship is on the right of the page and click on it.  Deadline to apply is June 1.

\*\*The Sandy Kistler Scholarship is awarded to Cleveland County students who are planning to attend a 2 year program or a 2 year and transferring to a 4 year school. Students should have been active in a CTE program in high school. **Deadline to sign up is February 10.**

\*\*The Douglas High School Scholarship is open to all students who are descendants of a former Douglas High School student. Students who qualify are graduating seniors with a minimum 2.5 GPA. The applicant should expect to enroll in either a two or four year college or university in the fall of 2017. **Deadline to sign up is February 10**.

\*\*The Jonathan Peeler Scholarship is offered to a student who plans to enter a four year or two year college in any degree program. (Preference is given to students studying drafting or a related field, but the scholarship is not limited to this.) Interested students should sign up by **February 10.**

The Lyle Gash Memorial Scholarship for $750 is available to students who go above and beyond to help others. Students must demonstrate a positive attitude and high moral character as well as a commitment to learning. A local scholarship is required for this scholarship. **Deadline to sign up is January 30, 2017**.

The Forgivable Education Loan for Service (FELS) is a loan that provides financial assistance to qualified students who want to pursue Nursing, Teaching, Allied Health (ex. Dental Hygiene, Medical Technology, Radiology), or Medicine and are committed to working in North Carolina in fields designated as critical employment shortage areas. See a list of possible careers and programs on the website. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 at the time of application. You need to apply early because the money will run out. You can view the areas at

http://www.ncseaa.edu/documents/2017-18\_FELSApprovedPrograms.pdf and apply online at <https://www.cfnc.org/FELS>.

Students should go to CFNC.org/FELS for applications and information. **Deadline to apply is April 1.**

@The Gordon Hay Scholarship is for high school seniors planning to pursue a non-performing career in a performing arts field. The applicant should have an exemplary academic performance and financial need.  The applicant will have provide proof of enrollment at a four-year college and undergraduate study including but not limited to music composition or direction, orchestration, choreography, play writing, set, costume, lighting or sound design, arts administration, stage management, production management, or technical direction.  Applications are available online at [www.BlumenthalArts.org/scholarships](http://www.BlumenthalArts.org/scholarships)   Students should mail completed application before March 9.

@The Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Mary Doctor, an astute Charlotte area business owner and a tremendous supporter of young people and Blumenthal Performing Arts. www.BlumenthalArts.org/scholarships

At the discretion of the Mary Doctor Performing Arts Scholarship Committee, two Charlotte Region high school seniors are selected each year to receive annually renewable scholarships of up to $10,000 each. The two annual recipients are selected among applicants who demonstrate: financial need, academic ability, above-average ability and great interest in one or more areas of the performing arts, plans to pursue an undergraduate degree (to major) in a discipline related to the performing arts (e.g. music, dance, theatre, technical theatre, arts administration and teaching), acceptance by a university or college with an established performing arts program, enrollment or preparation to enroll as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) **Deadline to apply is March 16, 2017.**

Jackie Robinson Foundation offers scholarships for minority students who will attend a 4 yr college. Selections are based on community service and financial need. Students must have a minimum SAT of 1000 or composite ACT of 21. Apply online at https://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/. **Deadline is February 15.**

Making It Work Scholarships are available to any student who attended the Making It Work Event. The scholarship is for $7000. Students received scholarship information at the event. You must see Mrs. Branch in the Career Center if you have lost the application. **Deadline to apply is February 15.**

The Cleveland County Republican Party Scholarship is established in memory of Mr. Charles Heath. The $500 scholarship is for a student who has shown an interest in government and politics, a dedication to the Republican Party, with preference given to a student who has some campaign experience. Students must plan to attend a 2 year or 4 year college. **The deadline to sign up to be considered is March 1.**

The Price Family Scholarship for $20,000 is offered to a Shelby High School senior who has a high GPA, participates in the community, demonstrates integrity and honesty and has a real desire to encourage and help others. Seniors who are interested and meet the stated eligibility requirements should sign up in Student Services **NO LATER THAN Feb 22.**

\*\*The Pilot Club of Shelby Is accepting applications for consideration as their nominee for one of two $1,000 scholarships given by the NC District Pilot Club. Preference may be given to applicants who plan to work in the health care field or work in facilities that care for patients with brain disorders (ex. Alzheimers Disease), however, all applications will be considered.  Applications will be evaluated based on community service or work experience, career goals, financial need and academic record. **Deadline to sign up if interested is February 10.**

The Carrolls LLC Community Scholarship Fund and Burger King offer scholarships to seniors based on involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service and/or work experiences. Our students have been very successful in winning these scholarships in the past. **Deadline to sign up is February 17.**

@Baldor Electric Company offers scholarships for seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2017 who are dependent children of a Baldor employee. Applications are available at www.scholarsapply.org/baldor/ **Deadline to apply is January 30.**

@NC Hospitality Education Foundation offers scholarships for seniors planning to pursue a degree in culinary arts, hospitality management, tourism, or other hospitality-related field. Application is available at http://www.ncrla.org/page=NCHEFScholarships

**Deadline to apply is February 15 for Johnson & Wales and March 10 for all others.**

@North Carolina Retail Merchants Association (NCRMA) and its grocery division, the Carolinas Food Industry Council (CFIC), will give away **$115,000 in scholarships through the Retail Consumer Alliance Foundation (RCA).**From **NCRMA, 6 students will each be awarded $2,500** towards the 2016-17 academic year.  From **CFIC, 40 students will each be awarded $2,500** for the academic year. Unlike traditional scholarship programs that only reward the highest level of academic achievement, NCRMA and CFIC will recognize students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above average range.  Applications and official transcripts must be received or post-marked by Monday, **March 20, 2017**.  To apply for a scholarship, go to: [http://www.retailpaysforcollege.org](http://www.retailpaysforcollege.org/).

@The Carolinas Food Industry Council (also associated with NCRMA) is offering a scholarship. CFIC gives away 30 scholarships each year for $2,500.  NCRMA is offering the NEW program with 5 scholarships for $2,500. The total will be 35 and they are funded through the Retail Consumer Alliance Foundation. Details are available online at <http://www.cficweb.org/awards/scholarship> . **The deadline to apply is March 20, 2017.**

The Southern Arts Society offers scholarships between $250 and $1000 to students at the area high schools who plan to pursue an art major or related courses of study in college**. Interested students should sign up by February 17.**

@The Tarheel League offers scholarships for seniors who are participants or for those who have participated in a Tarheel League (Shelby City Park baseball or softball). Application is available at http://www.tarheelleagues.com/scholarships. **Deadline to apply is May 15.**

@The Luther H. Butler scholarship is for students planning to attend one of the five Baptist colleges in the fall (Campbell, Chowan, GWU, Mars Hill, or Wingate). The applicant must be a member in good standing of a church affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of NC. Application is available online at www.ncbaptistfoundation.org. **Deadline to apply is February 15.**

**The following scholarships are available to student athletes.** Please read the descriptions below to see if you qualify.  The online application can be accessed at <http://www.nchsaa.org/students-parents/student-athlete-scholarships>.  **The deadline to submit the completed application is February 9, 2017.**

**Charlie Adams Endowed Scholarship:**  Awarded to one senior male high school athlete participating on the varsity wrestling team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school and one senior female high school athlete participating on the varsity cross-country team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school.

**Jerry McGee Endowed Student Scholarship:** Awarded to two senior year high school student-athletes from North Carolina High School Athletic Association member schools each year. This award is unique because it honors both male and female student-athletes who have distinguished themselves by overcoming adversity and returned to excel beyond expectations in their scholastic athletic sport(s).

**Pat Gainey Student Award:**To provide scholarship support for two student-athletes with a focus on need-based applicants.  Applicants must be either a Senior, Male high school athlete participating on a varsity baseball team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school within a county of limited financial resources or a Senior, Female student high school athlete participating on a varsity sports team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member high school within a county of limited financial resources.

**Wilburn Clary Medal Award:**  Awarded to one male and one female graduating senior student-athlete participating on a sanctioned varsity sport team during his/her senior year at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member school.  Athlete must have participated on at least two sanctioned varsity sports during his/her high school career.

**Willie Bradshaw Memorial Endowed Scholarship:** To provide scholarship support to an outstanding African American, American Indian/Alaska Native\* and/or Asian Pacific Islander American\*\*, or Hispanic American student-athlete participating on a sanctioned varsity team at a North Carolina High School Athletic Association member school. Award Process: One male and one female from each of the eight regions will be selected to receive a $750 scholarship each to further their education. From the pool of sixteen (16) regional winners, one male and female will be selected as overall state winners and receive an additional $1,000 each.

@2017 African American Network - Carolinas Scholarship Fund offers scholarships for up to $2000. You must be a senior in NC or SC and major in engineering, math, science, computer science, accounting, finance or business administration at a four-year college. Selections are based on academics and financial need. Apply online at https://fftcscholarships.communityforce.com. **Deadline is March 3, 2017.**

The Carolina Pest Management Scholarship is a merit-based, recurring annual scholarship that is open to all undergraduate and graduate students at an accredited university or college located in North or South Carolina and the winning applicant will receive $1,000 dollars towards their costs of education. This scholarship also includes a $1000 match donation by Carolina Pest to a nonprofit of the winner's choice. This is a recurring annual scholarship that is merit-based, requires a 1000 to 1500 word essay submission, and the winning applicant will receive $1,000 dollars towards their cost of education plus will give a $1000 match donation by Carolina Pest to a nonprofit of the their choice.

All of the application details can be found here: <http://www.carolinapest.com/scholarship-carolinas>. **Deadline to apply is February 28, 2017**

**Institutional Scholarships**

\*\*Cleveland Community College offers a number of scholarships to local high school students to students entering any program at CCC. **Deadline to sign up is February 3**.

Gardner-Webb University offers the Belk-Ellis and Le-Grand Ware Scholarships to students who will study business or a related field at Gardner-Webb. Amounts of the scholarships vary. Interested students should **sign up by February 3.**

Gardner-Webb also offers the Joseph B. Freeman Scholarship to students who demonstrate extreme financial need. Copies of the FAFSA are required with the application**. Deadline to sign up is February 3.**

The Dover Foundation offers scholarships to students who will attend Gardner-Webb University. Each school in Cleveland County will receive one scholarship and there will be one overall winner. Students should have an excellent academic record, be involved in extra-curricular and leadership activities and have strong character. **Sign up by January 31st if interested.**

East Tennessee State University offers several scholarship opportunities to out-of-state students – reducing the out-of-state fees by 60%. Deadlines vary. Information and applications are available at www.etsu.edu/scholarships

**Gardner-Webb** offers the RW Andrews Scholarship to African-American males who have demonstrated strong academic performance and leadership. This is a FULL scholarship to GWU. Interested young men should sign up by January 31.

**Upcoming Scholarships**

*\*\*Scholarships with this symbol means that information on these scholarships has not come in to the guidance office yet. However based on past years this information will come in the next few weeks. Announcing it now will enable students to sign up and allow more time to complete applications. If students do not receive information, it will mean that the donor is not doing the scholarship this year.*

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