

APPLICATION
THE SYLVIA L. HOLMES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GASTON COUNTY

Personal Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Employment/Position (if any) _____ Full Time Part Time

Volunteer Position (if any) _____

Educational Information:

High School (or Home School) _____ Graduation Date _____

School Activities:

Community Service:

Have you ever been a Girl Scout? Yes No If so, when? _____

Number of years as a registered Girl Scout _____

What is your most meaningful experience as a Girl Scout? _____

Have you earned the Girl Scout Silver Award? Yes No

Have you earned/or are you currently working on the Girl Scout Gold Award? Yes No

Career Goals: (Mandatory) _____

Please summarize your career goals and other information relevant to this application. (You may add **only** one additional page for this purpose.)

Criteria:

See the reverse side for scholarship requirements and mailing instructions.

Note:

The PDF version of this form may be downloaded from the Community Foundation of Gaston County's website at www.cfgaston.org.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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PURPOSE:

This program is designed to help young women achieve higher education at an accredited college or university. The program has been formed by the family of Sylvia L. Holmes, and is designed to honor her many contributions and distinguished tenure as Executive Director of the former Pioneer Council, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

There will be one \$500 scholarship per academic year.

PROGRAM TYPE:

Scholarship criteria based on character, academic achievement, and need:

- a. Eligibility to apply: Female high school senior and resident of the former Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Council service area; Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Polk, and Rutherford Counties of N.C. The young woman does not have to be a Girl Scout to apply, but participation in the Girl Scout Movement will be looked upon with favor.
- b. Attendance at a N.C. college or university will also be looked upon with favor.
- c. Selection of recipients will be made by a Selection Committee designated by the Fund's Advisors and approved by the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Gaston County. This committee will be composed of Sylvia L. Holmes, and two professional staff members of Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont Council who in are incumbent at the selection time. When considering a candidate's scholarship application the Selection Committee places value on effort, content, appearance, spelling and grammar.
- d. Renewal is not automatic, but the previous year's winner shall be eligible to reapply. The scholarship amount and renewal policy is subject to change based on the availability of funds.

FUNDS ALLOCATION:

Scholarship proceeds will be payable on an annual basis directly to the accredited college or university upon confirmation of the student's matriculation.

PROCEDURAL POINTS:

- a. Applications must be received by the Selection Committee or postmarked on or before February 1st.
- b. In addition to the application, applicants must submit the following:
 - High School transcript
 - Official information on any SAT or ACT scores and academic ranking in graduating class as applicable
 - Statement of financial need (or FASFA)
 - Official confirmation of acceptance in an accredited college or university
- c. *Funds for this program are administered by the Community Foundation of Gaston County, under an irrevocable agreement with the donor. Grants will be released upon reasonably documented requests under agreed-upon guidelines. This plan is subject to availability of proceeds from the endowment, which creates the program, and the donor's continued willingness to direct proceeds in this direction. The Foundation pledges its best efforts to productively invest the principal, and based on its history, these figures are achievable. But there is no specific or implied guarantee for a certain dollar amount of proceeds each year.*

Return Application and Required Materials Postmarked on or Before February 1st to:

*Please note: Applications **will not** be accepted at a Girl Scout Service Center.*

**Sylvia L. Holmes Scholarship
Community Foundation
PO Box 123
Gastonia, NC 28053**