FOUNDATION FOR THE CAROLINAS

The E.R. & LILLIAN B. DIMMETTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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.

ONLINE APPLICATION REQUIRMENTS (THIS INFORMATION IS FOR YOUR FINAL TWO NOMINEES)

All of these are part of the newly enhanced online application process.

1. Completed scholarship application form
2. 2025-2026 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.

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.

Finalists are required to attend a personal interview with the Dimmette Scholarship Committee.

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 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) is maintained and other requirements for satisfactory academic progress are met.