

**Perry-Griffin Foundation, Inc.
Post Office Box 82
Oriental, North Carolina 28571**

Scholarship Program Overview

The Perry-Griffin Foundation, Inc., a non-profit private 501(C)(3), located in Oriental, North Carolina, was established in accordance with the Last Will & Testament of Claire Griffin Perry. One of the purposes of the Foundation is to provide scholarships in the form of forgivable loans and/or grants to eligible students graduating from Pamlico County High School. The amount and number of awards may vary from year to year, depending on available resources, and the qualifications and needs of the individual applicants.

Scholarships shall be awarded to students who demonstrate good character and citizenship, leadership potential, community involvement and commendable academic performance. The Board of Directors of the Foundation may at its discretion consider the totality of a student's academic record.

A need for financial assistance will be used in determining the amount of any award. However, the Foundation will not require full disclosure of finances but will depend on the willingness of the applicant to provide any information that will help in the decision-making process. At a minimum, the disclosure of all financial awards to the student and other forms of assistance (other than family) is a reasonable expectation.

Eligible students shall include those who plan to attend any accredited post secondary institution. A certificate or degree is a reasonable expectation, as is a length of no less than one academic year.

Awards may be renewable, depending on individual needs and academic performance. A 2.5 grade point average must be maintained for renewal consideration. The student will be expected to provide an academic transcript to verify annual performance and to formally request additional assistance by letter.

Awards will be given annually and will be no less than \$1,000 and no more than \$7,000. Variances may be allowed with the approval of the Board of Directors.

One award, designated as The President's Award, may be given to a student enrolled in a graduate program, which will lead to a career path in public service.

Students currently enrolled in a community college are eligible for awards for tuition, fees and books. Recipients must be graduates of Pamlico County High School. The application process, as outlined elsewhere, should be followed to the extent possible.

In recognition that (1) the quality of education and life in Pamlico County is dependent on the quality of the teachers in the public schools and that (2) rural counties with sparse population have difficulty in hiring and retaining quality teachers, one or more awards each year may be reserved for the child (children) of full time teachers with at least five years of experience in the public elementary and secondary schools of Pamlico County. Awards will be given only if the applicants satisfy all requirements as outlined elsewhere in this overview.

Grants shall be awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability.

Application Process

In order to apply for a Perry-Griffin Foundation grant or loan, each candidate must complete the attached cover sheet and submit a letter of application containing the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- List the colleges to which you have been accepted. Which one do you plan to attend?
- Discuss participation in extra-curricular activities and community involvement. Please address the impact of these activities on your personal development.
- Discuss your academic and career goals.
- Note any awards or honors received.
- Discuss current or previous employment if applicable.
- Please apprise the Foundation of any other issues of which you wish them to be aware in considering your application. To a point, the more information provided the better the Foundation can understand the applicants, their qualifications, and their needs.

The following are required for consideration of your application:

- Appropriate transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation with one letter being from an appropriate faculty member who knows you well and one personal letter in nature, e.g. minister, community member, etc.
- A list of all financial aid awards you have received and for what you have applied
- The results of your FAFSA application (if applicable)
- SAT and/or ACT results (if applicable)

The deadline for submitting letters of application and supplementary materials is **May 15, 2020**. All applications and related materials should be submitted to:

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Other Requirements

In addition to submitting an application for this scholarship, each applicant should include an official copy of his/her transcript and academic record in a sealed envelope signed by the school counselor/advisor. In addition, each applicant selected as a finalist must attend a personal interview. All applications will be carefully reviewed and selected finalists will be invited to an individual interview session with time and place to be determined.

As a rule, the recipient must be enrolled in a full academic schedule consisting of a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year. Any variance must be with the approval of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Recipients must consent to release of their academic record to the Perry-Griffin Foundation for the purpose of verification of their continued eligibility for assistance in any subsequent years. Failure of the recipient to submit this information to the Perry-Griffin Foundation in a timely manner will result in no further awards.

The Perry-Griffin Foundation, Inc. reserves the right to cancel awards to students who fail to maintain the academic standards as outlined elsewhere or who are convicted of any felony or misdemeanor charge.

Applications should be submitted in a 9 x 12 envelope. The quality and presentation of an application should be a priority of the applicant. **Please use no staples on any part of the application.**

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Application Cover Sheet

Student's Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Current Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth (City and State): _____

Country of Citizenship: _____
(if other than USA)

Have you ever been arrested for or charged with an offense other than a minor traffic violation? If yes, please attach an explanation.

_____ No _____ Yes

Have you ever been dismissed, participated in alternative to suspension, suspended, or placed on probation, or have you ever left school voluntarily for an extended period of time? If yes, please attach an explanation.

_____ No _____ Yes

The information submitted is my own work and is an accurate representation of my activities and achievements. I have reviewed the eligibility requirements and regulations announcing this scholarship and I accept the conditions stated therein. In addition, I authorize the release to the Perry-Griffin Foundation, Inc. of any information held by secondary and post secondary schools including, but not limited to, personal evaluations and transcripts. While confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible, all scholarship applications and supporting documents become the property of the Perry-Griffin Foundation, Inc.

Student's Signature

Date