

Richard Wells Walker Scholarship Fund, Inc.
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Scholarship Program Overview

The Richard Wells Walker Scholarship Fund, Inc., a non-profit private 501(C)(3), located in Oriental, North Carolina, was established in 2002 to award scholarships to worthy Pamlico County High School graduates. At least one \$20,000 scholarship will be awarded each year. This recipient will receive \$5000 in the first year which will be renewable at \$5000 in each of the next three years if the recipient maintains good standing as a student and continues to satisfy those requirements as outlined in this overview. Additional scholarships of varying amounts may be awarded in any given year.

Effective May 1, 2012, eligibility for initial grants was restricted to public four year colleges or universities in North Carolina and/or North Carolina Community Colleges. This restriction does not apply to renewal of grants to recipients who received assistance prior to May 1, 2012.

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 considered when awarding this scholarship. 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.

Awards will be renewable as long as the recipient maintains a **2.5 GPA**. The recipient will provide an academic transcript to verify annual performance and meet with foundation officers for a brief informal review.

A special four-year scholarship in the amount of \$40,000 may be awarded in those years when an applicant clearly meets those standards of scholastic leadership, character, and need which Eula Dees Walker, the fund's founder and primary benefactor, believed to be so important. This scholarship will be named "*The Eula Dees Walker Scholarship*" and will be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The scholarship will be disbursed over a four-year period at \$10,000 each year.

The Richard Wells Walker Scholarship program will maintain a reserve fund of up to 35% of annual distributions to help current recipients and others whose financial circumstances have been negatively impacted for any of a variety of reasons. The reserve fund may be used for students attending four-year and community colleges. Awards will be made at the discretion of the foundation president after careful review of each situation, and the awards may be renewable.

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

Application Process

In order to apply for a Richard Wells Walker Scholarship each candidate must complete the attached cover sheet and submit a letter of application containing the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- List the two year or four year 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 (including any scholarships) you have received and for what you have applied
- The results of your FAFSA application (if applicable)
- SAT and/or ACT scores

The deadline for submitting letters of application and supplementary materials is **May 20, 2021**. All applications and related materials should be submitted to the Pamlico County High School Guidance Department by **May 20, 2021**.

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 may be asked to attend a personal interview.

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 the release of their academic record to the Richard Wells Walker Scholarship Fund, Inc. 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 Richard Wells Walker Scholarship Fund in a timely manner will result in no further awards.

The Richard Wells Walker Scholarship Fund, 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.**

Richard Wells Walker Scholarship
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, suspended, participated in alternatives to suspension, 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 Richard Wells Walker Fund, 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 Richard Wells Walker Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Student's Signature

Date