

Perry-Griffin Foundation, Inc.

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Scholarship Program Overview

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.

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 four-year grant with a value of \$10,000 is given on awards night in memory and honor of Edward D. Lupton who guided The Foundation for more than forty years. The Scholarship places a premium on academic excellence. An application is not required for this award.

Two additional grants with a four-year value of \$10,000 will be given on Awards Night honoring George R Brinson, a respected teacher and administrator, and Ann F. Watson, a beloved cultural arts teacher and administrator.

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.

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 request additional assistance.

Awards will be given annually and will be no less than \$500 and no more than \$7,000. Variances may be allowed with the approval of the Board of Directors.

A limited number of new scholarships each year may be designated as “guaranteed awards”. These awards will automatically renew each year for up to four years and will never be less than the year one grant. Furthermore, the Board of Directors can use its discretion to increase the award after the first year. Recipients must be high academic achievers with strong leadership skills and must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or better for automatic renewal.

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 traditional 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 traditional 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 of colleges to which you have been accepted. Which one do you plan to attend?
- Discuss participation in extracurricular 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)

All applications and related materials should be delivered to the guidance counselor at Pamlico County High School.

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 9x12 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.