

March Scholarship Newsletter



Mark your calendar

Hey Senior Spartans!

There will be a raffle on Decision Day in May. Prizes include an electronic device, gift cards, and college supplies.

Students can receive raffle tickets for:

- **Submitting College Applications**
- **Completing the FAFSA**
- **Notifying Ms. Arias of all college acceptances, scholarship awards, full-time job or military commitment.**
- **Both the student and parent have met and/or contacted Ms. Arias**

Maximum of 5 raffle tickets per student.

Make sure you've turned in all supporting materials for your applications! This may include:

**Main Institutional Application
High School Transcript
Resume
Letters of Recommendation
RDS (Residency Determination Service)
SAT/ACT Scores
FAFSA**



Deciding where to go after high school is a big decision. Unsure? It's alright! We have all been there. My name is Ms. Valerie Arias and I am the new College Adviser at SVHS. If you want to chat about college options or scholarships, come see me. My office is located in the College Career Center (room 117). Feel free to email me at valerie.arias@ucps.k12.nc.us
Excited to meet you!

Counselor Divisions

Mrs. Hillary Hawkins-9th grade
(Last Names A-J)

Mrs. Jessica Hill-9th grade
(Last Names K-Z)

Mrs. Alexis Stadler-10th Grade

Ms. Brittanee Jaquish-11th Grade

Ms. Nichole Jackson-12th Grade

Welcome back! Here is key information about the SAT & ACT:

- ★ If you are planning on applying to a four-year college or university, it is a good idea to take either the ACT or the SAT at least **two** times.
- ★ You do **NOT** (and should not) wait until your scores come in to apply to colleges.
- ★ You do **NOT** need to take the SAT or ACT if you are only applying to community colleges.

2019-2020 test dates

<u>SAT</u>		<u>ACT</u>	
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register by</u>
March 14	February 13	April 04	February 28
May 2	April 2	June 13	May 08
June 6	May 6	July 18	June 19

****Students who receive free or reduced lunch may receive fee waivers to take each test two (2) times free of charge.**

These waivers also make you eligible for college application fee waivers. See your counselor for more information.**

To sign up for the SAT: www.collegeboard.com / To sign up for the ACT: www.actstudent.org

For help signing up for a test, see your counselor or Ms. Arias in the College Advising Center.

College Application Information:

- ★ You **SHOULD** start your applications ASAP! Many colleges have already opened their applications.
- ★ You **MUST** watch deadlines! Each college has their own deadline.
- ★ You **MUST** list the colleges that you have applied to in your Naviance account.
- ★ You **MUST** request for your transcript to be sent through your Naviance account so your School Counselor can ensure that it is sent on time!
 - Tutorial: <https://www.screencast.com/t/LMtSlif3e1>
- ★ If you are applying to schools through the CommonApp you **MUST** link your CommonApp and Naviance accounts
 - Tutorial: <https://www.screencast.com/t/gxEQkElyo1>
- ★ You **CAN** find scholarship information on your Naviance account.
- ★ If you are interested in playing Division I-II sports in college you **MUST** create a NCAA Clearing House account. Use the following website:
<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/register/CERTIFICATION>
- ★ Most importantly, you **SHOULD** celebrate the small wins- it's an arduous process.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Institutional Scholarships



SPCC has a single form that is used to apply to all of their scholarships. Applications can be found online at <http://www.spcc.edu/scholarships/>. Any student who applies to SPCC and fills out the common scholarship application, and completes a FAFSA will be considered for any scholarship for which they qualify.

Specific Academic Disciplines

Charlotte Mecklenburg Emergency Services Scholarship

About: The purpose of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Emergency Services (CMES) Scholarship Fund is to provide undergraduate scholarships to students seeking to obtain Associate or Bachelor's Degrees for employment in Emergency Services careers, including Emergency Medical, Fire and Law Enforcement. This includes, but is not limited to, studies in emergency medical science, emergency medical technician (EMT), paramedic, firefighting/fire science, law enforcement and Emergency Management.

Deadline: March 6th, 2020.

Award: Scholarships will range up to \$4,000 at the discretion of the CMES Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility:

- Have earned a high school diploma or the equivalent
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited degree program
- Have and maintain a 2.5 unweighted cumulative GPA for high school applicants already enrolled in an accredited degree program
- Be a resident of the state of North Carolina

Application Procedure: Complete the application online.

Apply Online: <https://www.fftescholarships.communityforce.com>

Law Enforcement Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

Description: Provides scholarships to undergraduate students studying law enforcement at Central Piedmont Community College and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Minimum Eligibility:

- Student at Central Piedmont Community College or the University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Must be majoring in a law enforcement field

- 2.5 minimum cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale)

How to Apply: Contact the CPCC Financial Aid Office, 704.330.6942 or the UNC Charlotte Student Financial Aid Office, Phone: 704-687-5900.

Contact Information:

For questions about this application, please contact Qiana Austin at qaustin@fftc.org

African American Network of the Carolinas

Description:

The African American Network is a Duke Energy employee resource group of African American employees. The Network identifies developmental growth opportunities for African American employees at Duke Energy and creates value for Duke Energy as a business resource and an organization with solid brand reputation. As part of its mission, the African American Network – Carolinas chapter provides scholarships to college-bound students from North and South Carolina who are pursuing a major in engineering, math, science, computer science, accounting, finance or business administration.

Minimum Eligibility:

- Graduating senior at a North or South Carolina high school
- Must attend a four-year college or university located in North or South Carolina
- Must plan to major in engineering, computer science, the sciences, accounting, finance or business administration

Apply: <https://fftscholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx>

Deadline: March 6th, 2020 at 5:00pm

Contact Information:

For questions about this application, please contact Scholarships Department at scholars@fftc.org

Union County Association of Educators & Union County Retired Educators Scholarship

Scholarship Award: One \$1,750 award.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- This scholarship is open to high school seniors in Union County who will be graduating in the Spring 2020.
- Applicant must be planning on majoring in education or going into a career in education.

Scholarship Application: Pick up the scholarship application in Ms. Arias' office. Complete it and answer the essay prompt.

Scholarship Deadline: Must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 14th, 2020.

**Kim Hargett
7817 White Store Road
Marshville, NC 28103**

If you would like Ms. Arias to mail your application, you must hand it in to her by Monday, April 13th

Piedmont EyeCare Scholarship

Amount: \$500 (Sun Valley will have one male & one female winner)

Eligibility: High school seniors who are interested in pursuing a career in a medical field

About: Scholarship application includes an extracurricular activities section and a short essay. Do not complete the fields below the “Guidance Office Use Only” Line.

Essay: 350-500 words on the following topic: *Tell us how you became interested in pursuing a career in healthcare.*

To Apply: Pickup the application in Ms. Arias’ office. **Complete the application and essay and return to Ms. Arias BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY on April 24th, 2020.**

General Scholarships

March Deadlines

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, Inc. Scholarship

About: Each year the nonprofit Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Inc. awards scholarships to one or more high school seniors to support their goals of higher education.

Criteria:

1. Official high school transcript
2. A copy of your acceptance letter from an accredited college/university or community college
3. Three letters of recommendation-two from school personnel and one from a community representative
4. Your completed handwritten essay (if you wrote on an additional page, please be sure to include it)
5. Application (found in room 117 on scholarship wall)

All applications must be postmarked by Monday, March 2nd 2020.

Winners must be present at their high school awards ceremonies, or the scholarship will be forfeited.

Scholarship winners must supply the MLK Committee with their Student ID numbers and the address of the financial office of the college or university they are attending. Scholarship checks will be mailed directly to the colleges/universities on November 1st, 2020.

2020 Weddington Optimist Computer Scholarship

Computer Scholarship History:

The Weddington Optimist Computer Scholarship has been awarded every spring since 1997. The scholarship started with one school (Sun Valley) and now incorporates eleven Union County High schools.

Computer Scholarship Specifications:

Dell Latitude 15 3000 Series Laptop with Microsoft Office Student edition. If computer model is not available, then a compatible computer will be purchased.

One scholarship will be awarded per high school. Participating schools: CATA, Cuthbertson, Forest Hills, Marvin Ridge, Monroe, Parkwood, Piedmont, Porter Ridge, Sun Valley, Union Academy and Weddington High Schools.

Requirements:

This scholarship is open to high school seniors who will be graduating in the Spring 2020. Seniors do not have to be enrolled to a 2 or 4-year higher education institution in the fall of 2020. The Weddington Optimists are looking for individuals who will be enthusiastic and optimistic that the scholarship will help you meet your life goals as you embark on new life experiences.

To Apply: Answer the following question on page 2 by writing a 2-page essay. Essay should be double spaced, 1-inch margins and font size no larger than 12. Bold words are allowed. Please include your full name, date, high school and guidance counselor's name in the essay's header. File format .doc or .pdf.

Deadline: Essays are due on March 6, 2020 at 3:00 pm to Ms. Arias. The scholarship committee will pick 3 essays and will forward them to The Weddington Optimist Club by March 16, 2020.

Winners will be selected by the Weddington Optimist Club by April 3, 2020.

Summary of Important dates:

March 2nd – Essay due to scholarship guidance counselor (this date is flexible per your preference).

March 16th – Essays due to Weddington Optimist Club. This will give us time to review essays before determining the winners.

April 3rd – Winners will be announced to the school's contact.

April 23rd – Scholarship winners' cookout at Weddington Optimists Park. Winner individual plus family and school representative are invited. Headcount will be needed by April 10th.

Essay Question:

Describe why you deserve the Computer Scholarship? Include any volunteer work you have participated in the past few years. How has your volunteer work developed or expanded your optimistic views and experiences? Incorporate a phrase or two from Optimist Creed in your answer. The Optimist Creed is below, the individual phrases start with 'To...' with double spacing between each phrase (Each line item is a phrase).

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

Essay reminders:

- 2-pages, max
- Double spaced
- 1-inch margins
- Font size no larger than 12
- Bold words are allowed
- File format: doc or pdf
- Turn in your essay to Ms. Arias March 2nd.

Please include your full name, date, high school and guidance counselor's name in the essay header.

Union County Educational Office Professional Scholarship

The UCAEOP Scholarship is broken into three (3) separate scholarships. You can receive only one, but you may apply for all that you qualify for. The options are below:

- I am applying for the \$500 Union County EOP Scholarship that is for seniors with a parent who is a member of UCAEOP.
- I am applying for the \$500 UCAEOP Memorial Scholarship that is for seniors who are children of UCPS employees.
- I am applying for the \$500 Billy Stegall Memorial Scholarship that is for any UCPS senior.

NOTE: Effective January 1, 2011, scholarship winners have one (1) calendar year from the date the award is presented to claim their scholarship money; otherwise, the award is forfeited.

How to Apply: Pick up a scholarship application in Ms. Arias' office. You may also go online to www.ncaeop.net and fill out the scholarship form, print it, and send it to Brenda Bigham or Melinda Rivers at Parkwood High School 3220 Parkwood School Road, Monroe, NC 28112. If you have any questions, please call 704-764-2900; ext. 3309 or email melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us

Deadline: The application packet must be mailed by March 9th, 2020. If you would like Ms. Arias to mail your application, please hand it in to her by Thursday, March 5th.

Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship Program

About: The firm will be awarding a total of \$37,500 in college scholarships to 15 high school seniors who reside and attend schools in counties served by the firm, including: Mecklenburg, Gaston, Catawba, Union (NC), Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rowan, Caldwell, Stanly, Iredell, Alexander, Burke, Robeson, Scotland, Richmond, Anson, Cumberland, York, Lancaster, Chester, Union (SC), Cherokee, Chesterfield, Marlboro and Dillon.

Award: \$2,500

Criteria: To qualify, students must have applied for full-time enrollment at a four-year university or college and must complete and return a scholarship application to DeMayo Law Offices, L.L.P. by the announced deadline. Scholarships

will be awarded based on the student's essay, PowerPoint presentation, or brochure, as well as their application, SAT scores, transcripts and letters of recommendation. Students are asked to submit their presentations and all related documents by mailing their completed applications to the address provided or in person at one of our local offices. Winners will be chosen by a selection committee.

Due: March 16, 2020

How to Apply: Pick up an application packet from Ms. Arias. Applications are also available online at www.demayolaw.com Click on the Community Service page to locate the application.

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Queen City Metropolitan Chapter (QCMC) Scholarship

Purpose:

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women is a nonprofit women's organization. Our mission is to improve the lives of Black women and their families by creating programs focusing on family, education, health, and finances. The QCMC was chartered in Charlotte, NC on September 20, 2009. We endeavor to support the community as well as aspiring young Black women by providing assistance and encouragement to further their education. This is a Merit/Need based Scholarship.

Eligibility:

Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a Black woman.
2. Be a resident of and senior graduating within the 2019-2020 school year from a high school in one of the following counties, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Gaston, Union, Lancaster (SC) and York (SC).
3. Have a cumulative *2.5 on a 4.0 scale* Grade Point Average (GPA) at the time of application.
4. Has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning, a two or four-year college, university, or technical/vocational school at the time of scholarship application. (Provide evidence of acceptance, i.e., copy of acceptance letter, etc.)

Selection Criteria

The Scholarship Committee will consider the following when selecting scholarship recipients:

1. Provide a current copy of the FAFSA for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Be able to document academic achievement during their postsecondary matriculation.
3. The recipient of the scholarship must complete 20 hours of documented community service during their postsecondary matriculation.
4. Finalists are required to attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee. All interviews will be communicated two (2) weeks in advance.

Application Materials:

Scholarship applicants must submit the following information to the QCMC Scholarship Committee before or by March 15th:

1. A completed application forms. Incomplete applications will not be considered, no exceptions.
2. An official sealed transcript grades submitted with completed application.
3. Two sealed letters of recommendation (one reference provided by school personnel and one from a member of the community – non-family members).
4. A typed 250 words or less statement detailing any personal accomplishments,
5. A copy of the applicant's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or other approved documentation.

Scholarship Awards:

Three (3) awards in the amount of \$1,000.00 (payable in two (2) installments of \$500). The awards will be sent directly to the recipient's school upon verification of enrollment. The awards are non-renewable.

NOTE: Immediate family members of QCMC members are ineligible to apply.

Application Deadline:

The applications, with required materials, **must be postmarked before or by March 15th. Pick up applications in Ms. Arias' office.** Submit application and required materials via mail to:

Education Committee
National Coalition of 100 Black Women - QCMC
P.O. Box 32364 Charlotte, NC 28232

For more information or questions, please contact:
Jamese Pinkston, Education Chair
education@ncbw-qcmc.org

If you would like Ms. Arias to mail your scholarship application you must hand in all materials to her by March 12th

Rosa L. Poston and Jeanette B. Sherrod Scholarship

The Rosa L. Poston and Jeanette B. Sherrod Scholarships provide financial assistance to deserving young African-American women who are graduating high school seniors and who will pursue post-secondary education in an accredited four-year college/university.

Eligibility/Criteria:

1. Applicant must be senior scheduled to graduate in the spring of the current year.
2. Applicant must be a resident of Union County and attend one of the high schools within the Union County Public School District.
3. Applicant must submit an acceptance letter from at least one accredited four-year college or university with the application.
4. Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Applicant must enroll as a full-time student at an accredited 4-year college or university in the fall of 2020.
6. Applicant must have leadership potential as evidenced by her school and community activities.

Application Procedures:

To be considered for the Rosa L. Poston or Jeanette B. Sherrod Scholarship, the applicant must:

1. **Submit a completed application packet with a postmark no later than March 16, 2020 (hand delivered or late packets will not be accepted).** The packet must include:
 - a. A completed and signed application form.
 - b. Two letters of recommendation: one from a teacher or school official and the second recommendation from an adult in the community. The letter of recommendation should include, but not be limited to, the length of time reference has known applicant and in what capacity, applicant's strengths and weaknesses, and why the reference believes the applicant deserves the scholarship. The letters of recommendation must be original, signed by the writer, and placed in a sealed envelope.
 - c. A sealed official transcript.
 - d. A typed essay not to exceed 250 words stating why the applicant is applying for the scholarship, her qualifications, education and career goals and why applicant chose the career she intends to pursue.
 - e. A copy of a letter from an accredited four-year college or university verifying acceptance for the fall of 2020.
2. Attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Union County Alumnae Chapter, if chosen as a finalist.

Mail the completed application packet to:
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Union County Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2095
Indian Trail, NC 228079

Pick up application from Ms. Arias' office. If you would like Ms. Arias to mail your application, you must turn it in to her by March 13th.

Ellevation Education Scholarship Program

Ellevation has established a scholarship program to assist students who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs.

This program is administered by Scholarship America®, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability, or national origin.

Award: If selected as a recipient the student will receive a \$2,000 award.

Criteria:

- High school seniors who have been enrolled as an English Language Learner (ELL) at some point during their K-12 education.
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.

Application Materials:

As part of your application, you must upload the following documents:

1. Current, complete transcript of grades. Grade reports are not accepted. Unofficial or online transcripts must display student name, school name, grades and credit hours for each course, and term in which each course was taken
2. Signed recommendation letter from your ELL administrator or teacher on school district letterhead indicating dates of ELL program attendance.

Your application is not complete unless all required documents are submitted electronically

Apply: <https://go.ellevationeducation.com/DXn700v0MSl00k04tX0O0k9>

Deadline: March 16th at 3:00pm

Emily Brooke Parker Scholarship

About: Emily Brooke Parker, a Cuthbertson High 2014 graduate, had a sunny disposition and strived to be a friend to anyone she met. She helped others by listening and being there when needed.

Award: \$3,000

Deadline: Friday, March 27th

Essay Topic: What book has influenced you or has been relatable to you? Describe the thematic elements that have made it a memorable novel for you.

Essay Details: 1000 words.

Additional Requirements: Minimum 4.0 GPA and must be 4-year university bound.

Turn in completed essays to Ms. Arias by the end of the day on Friday, March 27th, 2020.

Contact Leslie Parker at (704) 301-6950 if you have additional questions.

A Few Good Men, Inc./ John H. crowder Scholarship Application

The attached application (found on the scholarship wall in room 117) is for Union County high school seniors entering an accredited college or technical school this fall. Each scholarship will be awarded in the **amount of \$500.** All applicants will be required to follow criteria indicated in the scholarship application.

Scholarships will be awarded based on student's academic achievements and other applicable criteria stated in the application. Please attach a recent photograph to the application. **All applications must be received by April 1st, 2020 to be eligible.** An interview will be scheduled for each applicant, at which time you will be notified of the date and time.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Anthony C. Smith at achivelle1st@windstream.net / 704-491-7997

Robert Heath at heathrl62@yahoo.com / 704-882-5651

Please mail completed scholarship application to:

A Few Good Men, Inc.
Scholarship Program
PO Box 3426
Monroe, NC 28111

SUN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL Breanna Rae Ringersen Scholarship Fund

Sun Valley Middle School supports the Breanna Rae Ringersen Scholarship Fund in memory of Breanna Ringersen, daughter of SVMS Math Teacher Craig Ringersen. Under the Program, one (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Sun Valley High School senior attending a two (2) or four (4) year college or university and majoring in the field of Criminal Justice.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of successful completion of their first semester in an accredited higher educational institution Criminal Justice program. It is a one time award.

Criteria and eligibility

1. Applicant must attend Sun Valley High School.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average upon graduation from SVHS.
4. Applicant must demonstrate community involvement, improvement in academics, and a desire to attend college.
5. Applicants must be accepted into an accredited higher education institution prior to scholarship deadline.
6. Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are qualified for this scholarship program.

General Instructions

1. Exact DEADLINE for scholarship applications is MAY 17TH, 2020. (NO EXCEPTIONS).
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications **will not** be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
5. You will be **notified by mail in May** regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call Sun Valley High School Guidance Department at (704) 296-3020.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). Letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
5. Personal Essay. Essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 11 pt / Arial font. Essay shall contain no grammatical errors.

Deadline for the application is **MAY 17TH, 2020**. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered. **Please submit application in person to Ms. Arias:**

Breanna Rae Ringersen Scholarship Fund
Sun Valley High School
ATTN: Scholarship Committee/ Ms. Arias

Scholarships are not the only way to get money for college!
Be on the lookout for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can create your FSA ID now!
This will help you in the FAFSA process. To create an FSA ID go to: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>!

THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

To search for other scholarships, you can use the websites listed below. It is also a good idea to look at the financial aid portion of the website of the schools to which you are interested in applying – they often have specific need- and merit-based scholarships just for their applicants. Churches, community groups, your employer or family members' employers are also great resources for potential scholarships.

HELPFUL SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES (list continues on next page)

www.cfnc.org

www.srnexpress.com

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.fastweb.com

www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com

www.finaid.org

www.schoolsoup.com

www.scholarshipplus.com

www.cappex.com

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.collegeboard.com

www.actstudent.org

www.myrichuncle.com

www.scholarshiphelp.com

www.scholarships.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.hispanicfund.org

www.salliemae.com/scholarships

www.scholarshipprovider.net

www.freecollegescholarships.net

www.scholarshipamerica.org

www.collegeboard.org

www.studentawardsearch.com

www.raiseme.com